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## THE NO SPIN ZONE

For Jackie Spinner,  
reporting has always been  
about getting it right.

Inside: Southern Exposure, Super Students, Class Notes, and more...



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# Giving Back To A University She Loves

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Lucy Sloan feels special pride belonging to a family that has contributed for more than 100 years to the growth and health of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and the surrounding region.

For generations her family graduated from Southern, starting with her maternal grandparents, Lucy Patten Barrow and J.W. Barrow, who each received two-year teaching certificates in 1898 from Southern Illinois Normal University (SIU).

According to Sloan, her paternal grandparents, W.O. Brown and his wife, Clara, arrived in Carbondale in 1914 when her grandfather was recruited by President Henry Shryock to establish a rural student teaching program – the first such offering in the nation. Brown Hall on campus is named for him.

“All of his (W.O. Brown) sons went to SIU, including my father, Leo Brown,” says Sloan. Leo graduated from University High School and earned his bachelor’s degree in education in 1932. After medical school at the University of Illinois, he returned to Carbondale and married Mary Brown, Lucy and J.W. Barrow’s daughter.

The Browns became an influential couple in the Carbondale community. Leo teamed with Mary’s father and her brother, Jack Barrow ’49, all physicians, to establish Carbondale Memorial Hospital and the Carbondale Clinic.

Mary was an active member of the community, becoming the first woman president of the hospital board and serving as president of the American Association of University Women. “My mother was president of every major organization in the area and was responsible for organizing the Shagbark Girl Scout Council,” says Sloan.

Leo was the first secretary of the Southern Illinois University Independent Board of Trustees in 1948 and served as its chair in 1950-51. In addition, he served as president of the SIU Alumni Association and received the Alumni Achievement Award in 1958. His brother, Martin Van Brown ’25 was also a member of the SIU Board of Trustees.



The late Leo J. Brown and his wife, Mary, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday, made many contributions to SIU and to the Carbondale community.

There are two endowed scholarships at the SIU Foundation the family supports. The Leo J. Brown Scholarship was established in 1986 and is given annually to upper division undergraduates in teacher education who have a financial need.

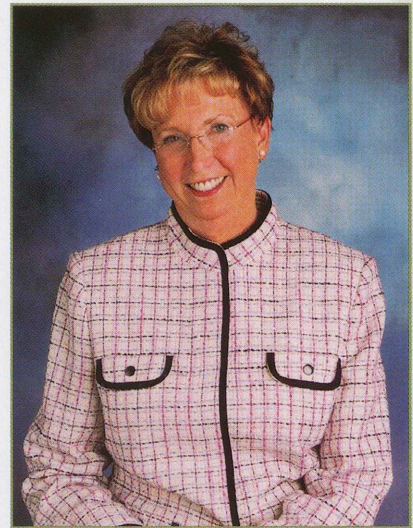
To honor her grandparents, Sloan established the Dr. and Mrs. J.W. Barrow and Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Brown Women of Promise Scholarship Fund which helps female students at Southern who have a record of leadership and service to their school and community.

“Lucy’s support and the support of her family throughout the years are shining examples of how alumni and those associated with SIU can give back to the University. We are very appreciative of this legacy of support to the University and the Foundation,” said Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor and chief executive officer of the Foundation.

“I love SIU and Carbondale and so did my grandparents,” said Sloan when the scholarship was announced in 1999. “I want to pay tribute to their accomplishments and help SIU students.”

Sloan, a member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education since 1993 and president of the Illinois Lincoln Excellence in Public Service Series, graduated from DePauw University as did her mother, Mary, and sister, Mary Alice Kimmel, who also earned a master’s degree from SIUC in 1993.

From the beginning, however, virtually the entire family became Life Members of the SIU Alumni Association, including Sloan’s brother, Jerry ’71, M.S. ’72, his wife, Norma ’64, and their daughter, Diane Brown ’77. “Our roots are here,” smiles Sloan.



Lucy Sloan is proud of her family’s legacy at Southern.



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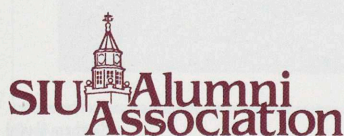
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Jackie Spinner is shown posing with Iraqi soldiers on the eve of the U.S. Operation to retake the city of Fallujah from insurgents late in 2004.



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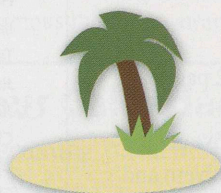
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When she was in Iraq as the *Washington Post's* bureau chief, Jackie Spinner covered the news in the same manner she had used since her days as a reporter at the *Daily Egyptian*. She seeks the truth and leaves all personal feelings at the door. "I have no agenda and am in pursuit of nothing other than the truth," she says.

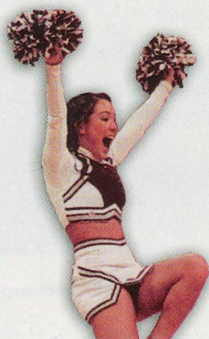


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### Trading Beaches For Business

For the Southern students who are willing to give up a week on the beach, the SIU Alumni Association's award-winning Extern Program provides valuable training and often immediate benefits. Since 1984, the program, coordinated by the SIU Alumni Association, the Student Alumni Council, and Southern's colleges, has given students a unique opportunity during Spring Break and resulted in 38 percent of the participants receiving job or internship offers.

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### Abe's First Captain

When Abe Martin revived baseball at the University in 1947, he turned to a 30-year-old war veteran to serve as his first team captain. Enrolling at SINU in 1935, Benny Dunn would not return to campus until 11 years later to finish his degree. A stint in the military – and a harrowing experience as a prisoner of war working on the infamous Railway of Death in Burma – had delayed his collegiate career by more than a decade.

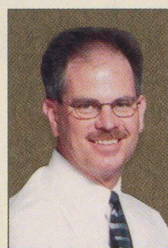


### The Fall Heard 'Round The World

After Southern cheerleader Kristi Yamaoka fell from atop a 15-foot pyramid of Saluki cheerleaders, a hushed crowd at the St. Louis Savvis Center and a national television audience on CBS held its collective breath to see if she was seriously injured. As EMTs took her off the floor, the Saluki Pep Band began playing the school's fight song. To everyone's surprise, the fallen cheerleader began to cheer and move her arms in a familiar routine.

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by Gene Green

When I first saw Jackie Spinner, little did I know that she would one day be immersed in the dangerous and stressful job as a war correspondent in Iraq. While working at SIU Athletics in 1991, a student quietly walked into our Sports Information office that summer to introduce herself.

"Hi, I'm Jackie Spinner, the new sports editor of the *Daily Egyptian*," she announced. "You'll probably be seeing a lot of me around here."

And see her we did for a semester, although Spinner didn't cool her heels in sports for long. She soon became managing editor of the *DE*, and it was evident early on that determination and drive were working diligently beneath the surface in this polite—and quite serious—young woman.

Greg Scott, a former colleague of Spinners who wrote this issue's cover story, remembers his first impressions of the dynamo with whom he worked at the student newspaper in 1989.

"She was a reporter then—one of many—but she certainly stood out," Scott recalls. "Jackie put together an investigative team to report on the overcrowding problems in the Carbondale bars at the time, and the series of stories certainly stirred things up."

Bar owners, upset with the coverage, began to pull advertising. As you will read in Scott's story, the *DE* eventually shrank to 12 pages because of the lack of ads.

"The reporting, however, was fair, honest, and tough," Scott says. "We all stood behind Jackie on this issue, because she was right about the problem and it needed to be reported. It was good journalism, and she had the guts to do it."

Spinner has progressed from the *DE* to eventually serving as chief of the *Washington Post* bureau in Baghdad. Her recent book, *"Tell Them I Didn't Cry,"* details scenes she witnessed while covering the war in Baghdad, Fallujah, Kurdistan, and Abu Ghraib.

If there is one thing Spinner wants you to know, it is that her news stories are based on facts. There is no bias or personal agenda lurking inside this Saluki, although she admits readers have become skeptical of mainstream press.

"The American media are in this position with the public because we care more about being first—and about scoops—than we do about being right," Spinner told Southern graduates at the 2005 spring commencement ceremonies.

"Get it right! That is something I learned right here at SIU during my days at the *Daily Egyptian*, and it is something I have carried with me all the way to the *Washington Post*."

I hope you enjoy our profile of a courageous and talented graduate who continues to "get it right" while she makes us all proud. Enjoy your magazine.



Spinner and Scott were co-workers at the *DE* in 1989. "You could tell early on that she was on a mission," he recalls.



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## Kowalczyk Thanks Alumni For Their Help

I want to thank Southern Illinois University alumni everywhere for all they've given Peg and me during my tenure in Saluki Athletics. Support, help, appreciation, friendship, selflessness, acceptance, openness, understanding, and love—it has been overwhelming.

We leave Southern with heavy hearts because of the friendships we've made and the successes we've shared, but we also are excited by the new opportunities and challenges facing us. Saluki Athletics' success is attributable not only to the dedication and hard work of the student-athletes, coaches, and athletics administration, but also to the support of southern Illinoisans, alumni, students, and the University community. You have been amazing, and for that reason

we have full confidence that Saluki Athletics and the University will continue to thrive.

Again, thank you. Peg and I leave with more wonderful memories than we deserve, and we will cherish and hold them near to our hearts. We have been truly blessed. Southern will always be special to us, and we will *always* be proud to call ourselves Salukis.

**Paul Kowalczyk**  
*Director of Athletics*  
*Colorado State University*

**Editor's Note:** Kowalczyk recently resigned at SIUC to direct the athletics department at Colorado State University. For more on this, see page 30.

## CASA Grad Presented Life Membership

Recently the CASA Alumni Constituent Society Board of Directors passed a unanimous motion to award

## Congratulations Graduates!

It is our pleasure to again send a complimentary issue of *Southern Alumni* to more than 3,000 recent graduates of the University. You will note many stories in this issue help celebrate impressive accomplishments of Southern's top students, teachers, and alumni of our alma mater. No doubt some of our newest Salukis will one day be featured on the pages of this magazine.

We extend our congratulations to the graduates and wish them well as they begin their professional careers. Let us help you stay connected to the University that means so much to us all.

Yours for Southern,  
**Ed Buerger '70**  
*Executive Director*  
*SIU Alumni Association*

one SIU Alumni Association Life Membership at the spring graduation each year, beginning with the May 2006 commencement ceremony.

This year Shauna Nicolay, a graduate of Dental Hygiene, was randomly selected from the graduates attending the commencement ceremony. After the degrees were conferred, and the students walked across the platform, I have a short speech welcom-

ing the new grads to the Alumni family, encouraging them to join the SIU Alumni Association. At that time, I asked Shauna to stand and announced that she had won a Life Membership. Needless to say, this went over quite well with all the graduates and their families and friends.

I met with Shauna and her parents after the recessional and gave her a Life Membership pin. Her parents took pictures of her receiving it, and her mother commented that they had been talking about a membership with the Association, and although interested, money was tight (as is common for new grads), and Shauna just could not have afforded the membership at this time.

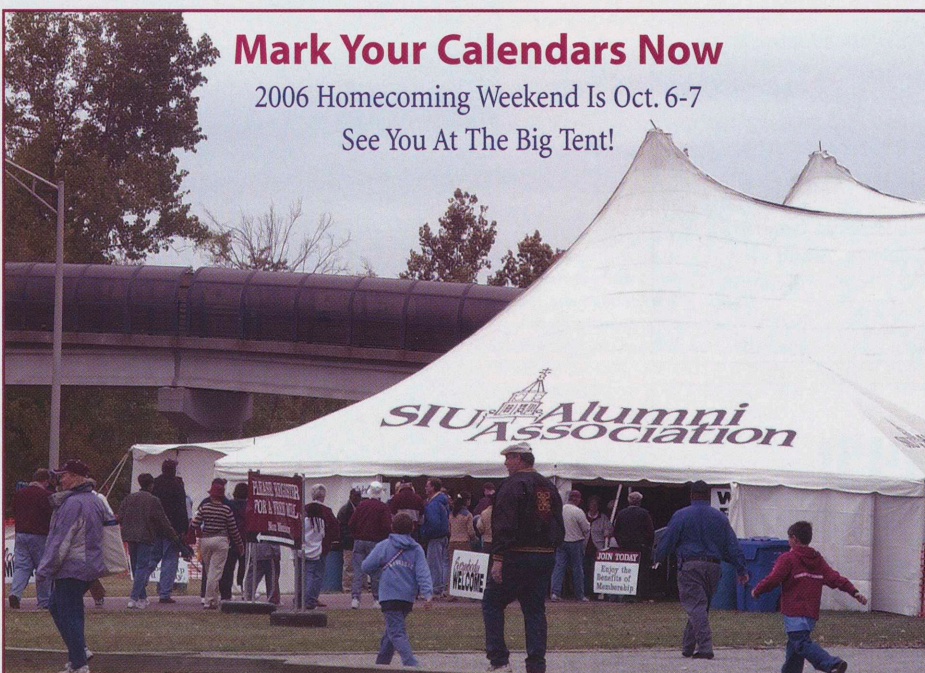
The challenge for our Society now will be to engage Shauna with the college as a graduate and alumnus. We hope this will be a start to a new CASA tradition at SIUC.

**Harry B. Fanning II '83**  
*President, CASA Alumni*  
*Constituent Society*  
*Wright City, Mo.*

## Mark Your Calendars Now

2006 Homecoming Weekend Is Oct. 6-7

See You At The Big Tent!





## Harbaugh's – The Place To Go For Breakfast

**A**lready an enormously popular weekend breakfast spot, Harbaugh's Café offers a special incentive for SIU Alumni Association members. When members order one entrée they will get the second at half price if it is of equal or lesser value. Owner Laura Harbaugh '94 says the café's motto, "Have breakfast or lunch with a twist," is meant to convey that

her menu is a little different than typical breakfast or lunch fare.

Breakfast is available all day and features a variety of skillet, frit-



tatas, omelets and pancakes not to mention stuffed French toast and biscuits and gravy. Lunch specials include homemade soups, distinctive sandwiches, salads, and daily specials. Specialty coffees, lattes and espresso are also on the menu.

The café is open Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is located in Carbondale at 9018 South Illinois Avenue.

## McLeod Summer Playhouse Performs Broadway Hits

**S**IU Alumni Association members can enjoy a discount on tickets to the two blockbuster Broadway shows left in the 2006 McLeod Summer Playhouse season. A longtime benefit partner of the Association, Southern's McLeod Theater offers members a 20 percent discount on tickets for adults and seniors.



Andrew Lloyd Weber's long running musical, *Cats*, will be performed July 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. and at 2 p.m. on July 9 and 16. *Beauty and the Beast*, a musical based on the Disney classic, will open July 27 with additional shows on July 28, 29 and 31 at 7:30 p.m. and July 30 at 2 p.m.

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**European Auto and Hotel** via destination Europe

**Sherwin-Williams Paints:** 20% on regular priced items, 5% on sale items, Call the Alumni Office for account number.

## NATIONWIDE

**Allied Van Lines/Federal Companies:** 63% off on interstate moves

**BeautifulDisplays.com:** 15% off list prices of trade show exhibits and graphics, call 800-697-4670

**Boyer's Coffee:** 10% off (call Alumni Association for account number)

**Car Rental:** Alamo, Avis, Budget, Hertz, and National

**CORD North American:** Up to 63% off on interstate moves

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**SIU Alumni Association Online Store:** 15% off merchandise (account number required)

**Ticketmaster:** Coming soon! Watch [sialumni.com](http://sialumni.com) for more information.

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## REGIONAL

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**A Petal Patch Florist:** Carbondale - 10% off

**Alongi's Italian Restaurant:** Carbondale/DuQuoin - Free dessert with purchase of an entree

**Applebee's:** Carbondale & Marion - Free soft drink with entrée

**Barton House Bed & Breakfast:** Carbondale – advanced registration required for 10% discount. Call 618-457-7717

**Big Boys Q'n Restaurant:** Carbondale – 10%

**Bike Surgeon:** Carbondale - 10% off new parts and accessories

**Carlson Wagonlit Travel Agency:** Herrin/ Marion, 5% off all preferred cruises & vacations

**Coleman-Rhoades Furniture:** West Frankfort – 15% off accessories

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**Days Inn:** Carbondale – 10% off

**Du Quoin Red Hawk Country Club:** \$25 for 18 holes with cart

**El Bajio Restaurant:** Carbondale – 10%

**Enterprise Rent-a-Car:** Carbondale – 10%

**Fazolli's:** Carbondale - Free soft drink with entrée

**Fernwood Gardens:** Cobden-10% off purchases

**Fish Net Pet Shop:** Carbondale - 10% off

**Garfield's Restaurant:** Carbondale, University Mall – 20% off dinner only

**Gold's Gym:** Marion – \$109 enrollment fee waived

**Hampton Inn:** Carbondale – 10% off standard room rate

**Harbaugh's Restaurant:** Carbondale - 10% off your meal

**Houlihan's:** Carbondale - Free appetizer with purchase of 2 entrées (excludes sampler/combo)

**Huck's:** Carbondale - (\$51 location only) - 3¢ discount per gallon of gas

**Intimate Foundations:** Carbondale – 10% off Norvell custom fit bras and body shapers

**Italian Village:** Carbondale - 10% off your meal

**Marion Econolodge:** Marion – 15% off room rate

**Marion Ford Lincoln Mercury Hyundai:** Marion - 10% off auto parts and service (including Quicklane)

**Mastercuts Salon:** Carbondale, University Mall - \$1 off all cuts

**Melange Coffee Shop:** Carbondale – 10%

**Merle Norman Cosmetics:** Carbondale – 10%

**Motel 6:** Carbondale – 20%

**Mugsy McGuire's Restaurant:** Carbondale – 10%

**Murdale True Value:** Carbondale - 20% off reg. paint, 5% sale paint

**Neon Internet, Inc.:** Carbondale - One month free service w/annual contract

**The Old Depot Restaurant:** Murphysboro - \$1 off dinner entrees, \$.50 off lunch entrees M-TH (not valid on specials)

**Papa Mike's:** Olney – 10% dine in only

**Ponderosa:** Carbondale – 10% off

**Quatro's Pizza:** Carbondale – free pitcher of soda with medium or large pizza

**Reppert's Office Supplies-Furniture-Machines:** Anna - 10% off regular priced items

**Saluki Bookstore:** Carbondale – 20% for life members, 15% off for annual members on SIU apparel

**Saluki Central:** Carbondale – 15% off SIU apparel

**710 Bookstore:** Carbondale – Illinois Ave. location only, 20% for life members, 15% for annual members discount on SIU Imprinted items

**The Sports Performance Store:** Marion - 10% services, 10% equipment. Call 618-694-3455

**Super 8:** Carbondale – 15% off standard room rate

**Tres Hombres:** Carbondale – \$1 off dinner entrée; .50 off lunch entrée

**Universitees:** Carbondale - 20%

**Vogler Ford:** Carbondale – 10% off any car rental

**Walt's Pizza:** Marion – 10%

## OTHER

**Appraisal Matters:** Malibu, California - 10% off appraisal report

**Best Western River North Hotel:** Chicago, Lake Shore Drive – Sun-Thur. \$115 per night; Fri-Sat. \$125 per night.

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**Keller Williams Realty:** Austin, Tex. – ask for Steve or Judy Scott

**Mehta Motors:** Elmhurst, Ill. – 10% off oil change and safety check

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**McLeod Theater:** Communications Building – 20% adult/senior citizen tickets

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**Shryock Auditorium:** \$3 off Celebrity Series tickets

**Student Center:** Bowling & Billiards: members receive SIU student rates; Craft Shop: 10% off Saluki merchandise

**Touch of Nature:** 20% off lodging, 15% off programs

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**University Press Publications:** 20%

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## Campus Renovation Plans Receive Board Approval

**R**enovation and revitalization plans spelled out in "Saluki Way" took a major step to becoming reality, when the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees recently approved financial support for the opening phase of the plan.

This Fall, each SIUC student will pay \$232.95 more per semester for various student fees, and new student tuition will increase by 9.4 percent. The measures passed in a 7-2 vote, with Board of Trustee Samuel Goldman (a retired professor who lives in Carbondale) and Tequia Hicks, (student trustee), voting no. Both voiced concern over students' ability to financially support such a plan.

The Board heard overwhelming support of "Saluki Way," including remarks from SIU Alumni Association President Sheri Hunter. "We have to keep progress moving ahead," Hunter explained. "While projects such as the New Student Health

Center is finished and the Wall & Grand Apartments and Morris Library renovations are in progress, additional construction, renovation, and relocation of facilities must take place to enable Southern to recruit and better serve students."

Former SIU Alumni Association President Rick Reynolds told the Board that the idea of higher fees for such improvement isn't a new concept and he realizes students rarely see the long-range benefits attached to such projects.

"I paid fees for the SIU Student Center when I was in school, yet didn't even see the facility until years after it was completed," he pointed out as an example. "But even though I didn't actually get to use it as a student, *I know* my contributions helped fund the facility and assist in the improvement of our University.

Alumni Association board member Wes Wilkins agreed, comparing the pro-



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posed fees to one decades earlier when the Student Recreation Center was on the drawing board. "I never used it as a student, but every generation must make an investment in their University," Wilkins said. "For my generation, it was the Student Recreation Center."

Board Chairman Roger Tedrick said more than 100 letters arrived in support for "Saluki Way" prior to the meeting. In addition to a new football stadium and other athletic renovations, he stressed that academics will play a prominent role in the first phase of the ambitious plan. ■

## Top Teachers Honored At Southern

**E**ight University faculty members will receive cash grants and professional development accounts through the University's "Excellence Through Commitment Awards Program" as rewards for superior teaching.

This year's top teachers, selected by each college, were: John Crelling, College of Science; Jon Davey, College of Applied Sciences and Arts; Kristine Kranenburg, College of Mass Communication and Media Arts; John Nicklow, College of Engineering; John Preece, College of Agriculture; Ruth Anne Rehfeldt, College of Education and Human Services; Anthony Steinbock, College of Liberal Arts; and Raymond Wacker, College of Business and Administration.

The Excellence Program reflects Chancellor Walter Wendler's intention to foster creative, scholarly and teaching excellence as outlined in Southern at 150: Building Excellence Through Commitment, the blueprint for the development of the University by the time it celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2019. College-level winners each receive \$3,000 outright plus a matching amount through the Office of Research and Development to support professional activities during the next fiscal year.

Here is a recap of the top teacher recipients:

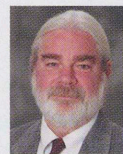
- **Crelling**, a full professor who joined the geology department in 1977, teaches courses in physical geology,

environmental geology, igneous petrology, geology for mining engineers, coal geology, coal petrology and the petrology of industrial carbons. In 1996, he created the nation's first course in forensic geology, a course that served as a model for 12 other universities that now have courses of their own. Recently, he created courses in terrain analysis and planetary geology.

• **Davey**, a full professor, has taught all the school's architecture history courses for more than a quarter of a century. He started the University's first computer-aided design courses and teaches the corporate office interior design studio,



which produced the Morris Browsing Room in Morris



Library and the College of Applied Sciences and Arts' new conference room.

Davey created and developed an award-winning, national workshop program, "Kid Architecture," that teaches young people between the ages of 9 and 18 about architecture, urban design, landscape design, industrial design, and interior design. The three-degree SIUC graduate received his college's outstanding teacher award in 2000.

- **Kranenburg**, an assistant professor in the School of Journalism since 2001 and a former advertising professional in



## On The Side

Chicago, teaches advertising copywriting, visual literacy, and



advertising campaigns. She serves as academic adviser for the Saluki

Advertising Agency and the campus chapter of the American Advertising Federation. In addition, she mentors a McNair Scholar and is Kellogg Hall's faculty associate.

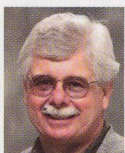
• **Nicklow**, an associate professor of civil engineering since 2003, came to Southern in 1998 and specializes in hydraulic and hydrologic systems analysis and the application of evolutionary algorithms in water resources engineering. He has



written textbooks on collection systems design and treatment plant hydraulics and

has another on urban hydrologic systems design in the works. He previously received outstanding teaching awards from the engineering college in 1999 and 2001 and was one of four faculty members honored nationally in 2002 for teaching excellence by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

• **Preece**, hired in 1980, became a full professor in what is now the Department of Plant, Soil and Agricultural



Sciences in 1990. A horticulturist by training, he teaches general horticulture,

plant propagation, and plant growth and development and has co-written two editions of an introductory horticulture textbook. He is a four-time winner of his department's teaching award and has twice received the college award for outstanding teaching. The National Association of

Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture also have cited him for teaching excellence.

• **Rehfeldt**, associate professor in the University's Rehabilitation Institute, has



won that unit's teacher of the year award four times since joining the faculty six years ago.

She teaches group experimental and single-subject research design, behavioral assessment and observation methods, basic practices in rehabilitation, community-based employment for persons with disabilities, and a seminar in philosophical readings. She also supervises the institute's undergraduate applied behavior analysis research group for advanced undergraduates.

• **Steinbock** joined the philosophy faculty in 1995, becoming a full professor four years later. He specializes in contem-



porary German and French philosophy, classical phenomenology, the philosophy of reli-

gion and social ontology. He previously won a college interdisciplinary teaching award and three university awards geared toward enhancing undergraduate instruction.

• **Wacker**, the college's Emerson Electric/Charles Groennert Teaching Excellence Professor and an associate professor in the School of Accountancy, joined the business faculty in 1989. He teaches



taxation, international business policy, business ethics, and managerial

accounting. This is the fourth time his college has recognized his teaching expertise.

## Byrne Top Female Pilot For Second Consecutive Year

The awards keep coming for SIUC sophomore Jennifer Byrne.

Featured in the September 2005 issue of *Southern Alumni*, Byrne earned the distinction of top female collegiate pilot honors for a second consecutive year at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association competition in May.



Byrne's effort led Southern to a fifth-place finish in the national competition. Twenty-eight teams competed in the Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference at The Ohio State University's OSU Airport in Columbus, Ohio. The University of North Dakota won the event, with defending champion Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott,

Ariz., finishing second. Western Michigan University was third, and the U.S. Air Force Academy was fourth.

The event featured 413 competing students and more than 100 aircraft.

An Algonquin native, Byrne is the first SIU student to win top female pilot honors twice. She also received the Candi Kubeck Award, which is presented to the top scoring female contestant. The \$500 award is presented in memory of Candelyn "Candi" Kubeck, the captain aboard ValuJet 592, which crashed in the Florida Everglades in May 1996.

## Suarez, Tichenor Are Sturgis Award Recipients

Two long-time Southern Illinois University Carbondale employees are winners of the 2006 Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Award.

Carmen Suarez, coordinator for diversity and equity, is the recipient of the Sturgis Memorial Public Service Award, and Jak Tichenor, WSIU-TV host/producer, is recipient of the Sturgis Memorial Professional Achievement Award.

SIU President Glenn Poshard and SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler presented the awards recently. The Sturgis Award, given annually by the SIU Board of Trustees since 1980, recognizes SIUC employees for public service unrelated to their jobs. It carries a \$750 cash prize and is named after a Metropolis native who served on the SIU Board for more than 30 years. Sturgis chaired the board from 1969 until his retirement in 1971. He died in 1972.

Suarez holds two degrees from SIUC, a bachelor's degree in history (1980) and a master's degree in medieval history (1983). She is working on a doctoral degree in higher education administration. She served as assistant dean for career services at SIUC's School of Law before taking the position as coordinator for diversity and equity in 2004.

Tichenor began his career at Southern in 1981. He started as a producer/announcer at WSIU-FM and transitioned from radio to television in 1989. Today, he hosts several television series on WSIU-TV, including *Illinois Lawmakers*, a show produced in Springfield when the Illinois Legislature is in session. He also produces documentaries for the station.

Over the years, Tichenor has also taught, mentored, and tutored hundreds of radio-television students. He holds two degrees from SIUC, a bachelor's degree in radio-television (1979) and a master's degree in public visual communications (1989).



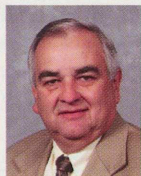
# Southern Graduates Receive Alumni Achievement Awards

**S**outhern Illinois University Carbondale's spring commencement exercises were May 12-13, as 3,015 candidates for undergraduate degrees, 350 candidates for master's degrees, 117 candidates for law degrees, and 41 candidates for doctoral degrees were saluted by the University.

Highlights of the weekend included presentations to various Southern graduates who received Alumni Achievement Awards as part of individual college and school ceremonies. These honorees were also the commencement speakers unless otherwise noted below.

The alumni honored were:

• College of Agricultural Sciences – **Larry Fischer '68**, vice president for instruction at John Wood Community College in Quincy. Fischer, who grew up on a grain and livestock farm east of Quincy, served as director of agriculture at John Wood Community College for 26 years and became vice president for instruction four years ago.



Fischer serves on the SIU Alumni Association board of directors and on the Illinois Council for Food and Agriculture Research, based in Urbana. He traveled extensively and studied in Japan, Taiwan, and western European countries involved with the 1992 General Agreement on Trade and Tariff.

• College of Applied Sciences and Arts – **Jay Rud '83**, one of three chief pilots for American Airlines in Chicago.

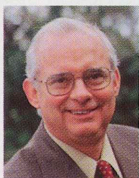


He became an American Airlines pilot at age 23 and became captain at age 29. He led crews of Fokker F-100s and Boeing 727s on flights throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Rud subsequently earned a promotion to pilot/check airman in recognition of his technical expertise. In that role, he taught newly hired first officers and upgraded captains. In 2002, he began piloting Boeing 767s to Europe, the Caribbean and Hawaii, and now supervises approximately 1,600 American Airlines pilots at O'Hare International Airport.

• College of Business and Administration – **James Tally '65, M.E. '71**,

**Ph.D. '77**, president/CEO of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

The College of Business and Administration named Tally its Executive of the Year in 2004. He is a member of the college's advisory board. As president/CEO of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Tally oversaw the merger of Egleston Children's Health Care System and Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center in February 1998. *Child* magazine ranks Children's Healthcare as one of the nation's top 10 children's hospitals. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks it among the top pediatric hospitals, and Children's is the first and only pediatric health care system in the nation to rank among *FORTUNE* magazine's "100 Best" employers.



• College of Education and Human Services – **Arthur "Andy" Horne Ph.D. '71**, Distinguished Research Professor, University of Georgia. Horne has been at the University of Georgia since 1989, where he served as department head for the counseling psychology program for four years and director of training for the program for eight years. He also served as coordinator of a certificate program in marriage and family therapy for 13 years.



He has co-authored five books and co-edited five, and served on editorial boards of seven journals. For the past 10 years, Horne has conducted the Bully Project in Athens, Ga., through which he worked with schools in several states and wrote four books on bullying, as well as several research and educational publications.

The commencement speaker for the College of Education and Human Services was **Henry Scherich, Ph.D. '75**, president/CEO of Measurement Inc. in Durham, N.C. He founded Measurement Inc. in the basement of his Durham home in 1980. Today, the firm, which is totally employee-owned, boasts 4,000 employees in 14 offices across the United States. It is a full-service educational testing company that



provides development and scoring of achievement exams for students in kindergarten through college and professional levels through state departments of education, local school districts and other educational agencies.

• College of Engineering – **Howard Lo '84, M.S. '86**, CEO of Mastersoft Inc. in San Carlos, Calif. Lo, who was born in Hong Kong, immigrated to the United States with his parents at the age of six. He is a veteran of aerospace and commercial-emerging technologies with experience working for General Dynamics (now Lockheed Martin), where he won an Extraordinary Achievement Award for creating a series of computer aircraft analysis technologies. Lo founded Mastersoft Inc., a business process software company, in 1997.



• Graduate School – There was no guest speaker for this program. The SIU Alumni Association presented its Outstanding Thesis Award to **Joshua Der**.

• School of Law – **Edward Light J.D. '81**, Winnebago County assistant public defender. Based out of Rockford, Light is the recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award. The commencement speaker was **Dr. Marsha Ryan J.D. '87**, a past president of the SIU Foundation Board, who also serves as campaign chair for SIUC's first comprehensive capital campaign, "Opportunity Through Excellence."



• College Liberal Arts – **Buzz Spector '72**, professor and chair of the art department at Cornell University. Spector is an artist and writer whose studio practice includes drawing, print and papermaking as well as photography and installation. His work has been exhibited in the United States and internationally, including such museums and galleries as the Art Institute of Chicago, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Museum of Contemporary



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# Saluki Alumni Abound At Springfield Television Station

by Marianne Lawrence

**W**hen Tim Mathis '91 arrived in Springfield, Ill., to begin his new job as general manager of WICS-TV and its sister station, WICD-TV in Champaign, he was surprised to learn that he would have a supporting cast of Salukis.

It was good news for Mathis, himself a product of Southern Illinois University Carbondale's award-winning radio and television program. "I have not run into anyone in the industry who has received the quality of education you can get from Southern. It is just the best education available."

Mathis is effusive about his University experience, naming specific classes in sales and management, ratings, law and journalism that have made a difference in his career advancement.

"Leo Gher's class on sales and management was right on target and exactly what I ran into when I began my career. I left SIU with a working knowledge on how to read ratings. Here I was a 22-year-old and knew more about ratings than people who had been in the industry many years," says Mathis.

His colleagues couldn't agree more. "You always know what it takes to make it in this business," says Julie Staley '88. "SIU gave us that foundation and the hands-on experience to make it in a highly competitive industry." Staley a 20-year television broadcasting veteran, is the recipient of numerous media awards.

Her former SIU classmate, Joe Crain '88 moved into the television world in 2004 after a long career as a radio personality in Springfield. He is the weekend weathercaster and does general assignment reporting and news spots for the WICS.

A Life Member of the SIU Alumni Association, Crain is an active member of the Prairie Capital Chapter, taking part in basketball road trips to Peoria, Bloomington and St. Louis and also has attended the football tailgates in Carbondale. "I've made a lot of friends through this group."

Crain concurs with others on the quality of the education he received in Carbondale. "The day an SIU graduate starts a job with any television or radio sta-



Pictured on the WICS News Channel 20 set are, seated from left, anchor/reporter Julie Staley, accountant Mary Klebe and close caption specialist Kathy Smith. Standing are, from left, weekend weathercaster/reporter Joe Crain, Engineers Ed Janic and Paul Donkowski, and general manager, Tim Mathis.

tion they know what to do – there's no learning on the job."

Mary Klebe has worked at the station for 20 years as a sales associate, a position she took shortly after getting her SIU degree in journalism in 1984. "One of my instructors at SIU told me about the job," she recalls.

When Klebe thinks about Southern she remembers her favorite sandwiches at Booby's and when her husband, Bob, comes to Southern Illinois to hunt or fish, he occasionally brings one home with him. She's hoping one of her two kids will enroll at Southern, which would assure her of a few more subs from Booby's.

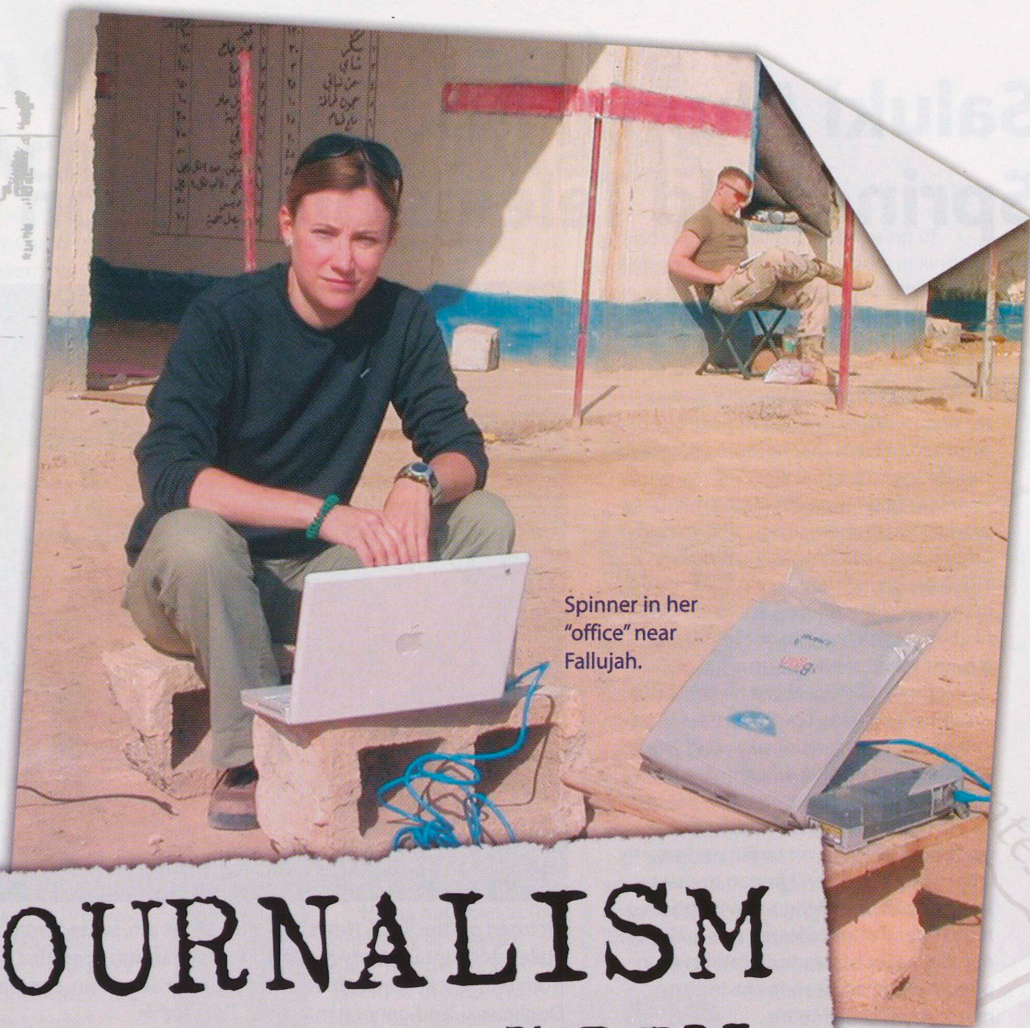
Although Kathy Smith graduated in 1982 with degree from the College of Technical Careers, trained as a court reporter, she is part of the WICS team. She performs her job as close caption specialist from her home and is appreciative of the education she received at Southern. "I wouldn't be where I am today without it," says Smith.

She still uses her court reporting skills while working with CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation), which uses similar equipment to provide instant translation of the spoken word to people with hearing disabilities. Smith uses the technology at conferences, meetings and churches.

Maira Ansara '01, who has been with the Champaign station for three years, worked as an anchor, reporter and photographer for WSIU-TV's River Region newscasts during her undergraduate years at Southern. "You can learn things in the classroom, but in the real world it is entirely different," she says. "I loved SIU and the opportunities it gave me."

Staley, a Life Member of the SIU Alumni Association, sums up feelings for her fellow Salukis. "It seems like there is an instant bond or kinship when you discover a co-worker is an SIU alum. Even though you didn't graduate together, you still know many of the same instructors, staff or students and you *always* know what it takes to make it in this business." ■





Spinner in her "office" near Fallujah.

## JOURNALISM WITH NO SPIN

While serving as student editor of the *Daily Egyptian*, Jackie Spinner once coordinated a seminar on war reporting. Some 15 years later, the *Washington Post* bureau chief found herself living the experience in Iraq.

BY GREG SCOTT

**I**magine a place where car bombings are an everyday occurrence. The danger of mortar attacks lurks, and gunfire can be heard in the distance. You awake each morning primed for a kidnapper's grasp, knowing that regardless of how careful you are, the way you walk or talk could lead a perpetrator to your door.

Some are fortunate enough to cheat death and survive such life-threatening situations. But the blood on your shoes and dead bodies you pass on the streets each day makes you realize that many aren't as lucky. You take nothing for granted, as any false move could seal your fate on earth.

Many observers question if the media is dramatizing the ongoing struggle in Iraq. But this is reality. This is America at War. And this was the daily scenario Jackie Spinner faced each day.

The Middle East may have seemed a world away from her hometown of Decatur, Ill., but Spinner, a *Washington Post* reporter, asked—actually begged—her editors to travel to Iraq and provide media coverage for the American people. She volunteered to enter some of the most dangerous situations in which a journalist had ever been placed. The SIU Alumni Association life member was lured in by the most compelling story of our time and ready to literally risk life and limb to carry the truth back to the United States.

"Iraq is the most compelling story in the World. Journalists have an obligation to be there," Spinner says. "I felt a deep commitment to go to Iraq, to record history, to watch history, and to challenge history."

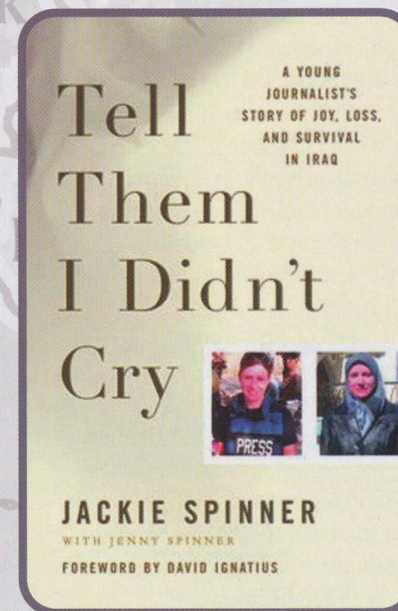
"I have been accused of being brave. I call it an accusation because I'm not a risk taker. I'm not a person who falls out of an airplane, and I don't bungee jump. I didn't go to Iraq to get shot at and receive an adrenaline rush from living another day.

"It's not about bravery; it's a mission of purpose."

### A SOUTHERN HOMECOMING

Spinner was the center of attention when she returned to the SIU campus in February.

As a guest of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, University and Carbondale community members turned out in large numbers to hear the *Washington Post* reporter speak of experiences covering the War in Iraq. Her tenure in the Middle East is depicted in *Tell Them I Didn't Cry*, a book she recently co-authored with her twin sister, Jenny, for which she conducted a book signing in Carbondale.



*Tell Them I Didn't Cry* depicts Spinner's experience covering the War in Iraq.



photo by Jenny Spinner

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While Spinner enjoys returning to her alma mater and sharing experiences with students who follow in her footsteps, she isn't one to covet attention—especially when she's in pursuit of a story.

"I cover the stage; I'm not on stage," she says. "I have no agenda and am in pursuit of nothing other than the truth. Journalism is still about getting it right and being objective. It's about a mission much larger than any of us."

"That is why you'll never hear me disclose my politics or even say whether or not I'm for or against something. It doesn't matter, and it shouldn't matter. It's about telling our readers what I saw and getting the story right."

But Spinner, who doesn't even read the *Washington Post* editorial page, says Americans question media objectivity. She received criticism during her stay in Iraq; readers doubted her honesty. While Spinner admits that some media have created doubt in the American public by valuing their agendas over accuracy, she says news should

be consumed with an open mind.

"Many people want the media to reaffirm their previously held beliefs; they don't want to learn," she says. "That is the political aspect of society; it can be frustrating. People can't have dialogue anymore. As opposed to respectfully disagreeing, they refer to you as 'idiot mainstream media.'"





photo by Maria Esquivel

Spinner kept in close contact with her twin sister and book co-author, Jenny, during her tenure in the Middle East. Donna Spinner says her daughters share a special relationship.

"They reminded me that I volunteered to go to Iraq; and that is true. I begged to go. But I didn't want sorrow. I just wanted our readers to believe me because I'm describing the scene as accurately as possible."

*Tell Them I Didn't Cry*, details scenes she witnessed while covering the war in Baghdad, Fallujah, Kurdistan, and Abu Ghraib. Over the course of nine months, she progressed from being a young reporter in the midst of her first foreign affairs assignment, to serving as chief of the *Washington Post* bureau staff in Baghdad.

Her tendency to shun the spotlight made Spinner reluctant to write a book.

"It felt self-indulgent, and I didn't want to do it," she says. "My editor told me that people still write about Vietnam. He also said, 'Iraq is the most significant event that will happen to your generation. Why censor yourself? The process of getting a story in Iraq is important.'"

"I'm simply grateful and blessed with the book's success. I didn't set out to get attention. This book is a story about a woman who went to cover a war in pursuit of one of the ideals our American soldiers have pledged to defend: freedom of the press."

## THE JOURNEY TO IRAQ

With no foreign reporting experience on her resume, Spinner knew convincing *Washington Post* editors to send her to the Middle East would be a tough sell. Her superiors doubted Spinner's knowledge and experience in world affairs. Then the unexpected happened.

CBS's *Sixty Minutes II* news program broke a story about an abuse scandal at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, which the U.S. military took over after its invasion. The program showed initial photos of American soldiers humiliating Iraqi prisoners.

Spinner had been communicating with Sabrina Harmon, one of the soldiers being accused of abuse. A mutual acquaintance of Spinner and Harmon made the connection between the two.

"She called and told me that Sabrina was in trouble and asked me to talk to her," Spinner says. "My editors encouraged me to get the interview."

Harmon provided Spinner with background information regarding the scandal, but due to legalities, wanted to keep the conversations private. Spinner urged Harmon to receive clearance from her lawyer to take her story public. Harmon's lawyer obliged as photos of the soldier giving a "thumbs-up" in front of an Iraqi corpse were already being circulated.

Spinner got Harmon's comments on record shortly after the *Sixty Minutes* story aired. Harmon said her unit was ordered to treat detainees in this fashion in an attempt to force them to share pertinent information. Spinner's efforts on this story led to her assignment in Iraq.

"That convinced our foreign editor and Baghdad Bureau Chief to get me to Iraq," she says. "It started because of this weird connection."

## THE FAMILY SHE LEFT BEHIND

After eventually convincing *Washington Post* editors to send her to Iraq, Spinner's next task appeared to be even more difficult: informing her family about the assignment.

Donna Spinner says learning of her daughter's destination was a surprise.

"It hit me like a ton of bricks. Of course I had no clue that she had been asking the *Post* for a year to send her to Iraq," she says. "Jackie initially thought it was going to be 2 to 4 months. She assured me that everything would be fine and promised to call and keep me updated."

"It wasn't that I didn't trust her. It's just that she had never been in a position like that before."

It wasn't the first time Donna Spinner had a loved one sent off to a war zone. Her husband, who died three years prior to Jackie's departure for Iraq, was a Vietnam War veteran. She found strength from a higher power to cope with her daughter's time in the Middle East.

"Some days were more difficult than others. Especially after I would hear about something horrible occurring there," she says. "But I kept reminding myself that I am a Christian. If I believe that God is over there with Jackie, as He is everywhere, I have to trust that He is taking care of her. He loves her and won't allow anything to harm her."

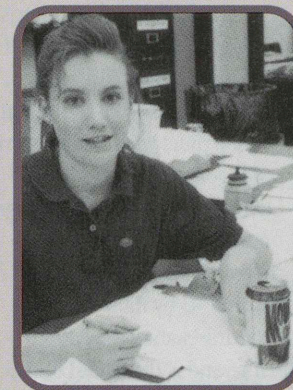
"If it weren't for my faith in God, I don't know what it would have been like. That is what sustained me."

While Jackie called and wrote her mother, she communicated most often with

## SPINNER'S JOURNEY BEGAN AT THE DAILY EGYPTIAN

by Greg Scott

While serving as student editor of the *Daily Egyptian*, Jackie Spinner remembers watching CNN's coverage of the Gulf War. She was so taken by the event that it urged her to coordinate a program to educate fellow journalists.



Spinner, who had written a story about Saddam Hussein in the campus newspaper, organized a weekend seminar on war reporting.

"The seminar's purpose was to inform people. I didn't have a fascination for the Middle East," she says. "I had no idea that I would end up in Baghdad 15 years later; it wasn't a goal. I just love journalism and had no problem spending 70 hours a week at the *DE*."

The 1992 Southern journalism graduate ended up at the *DE* almost by accident. She arrived on campus in 1988 with designs on joining the Marching Salukis. But after participating in band camp, she decided that wasn't her niche.

"I played trumpet in high school. But I realized I couldn't be the best; they blew me away," she says. "So I took my pen and high school newspaper clips to the managing editor at the *DE*. They hired me as an administration reporter my freshman year."

Spinner, 35, served in a variety of roles throughout her four years at the newspaper. She eventually ascended to student editor in chief. Her fondest memory of her tenure is when the *DE* won the state newspaper contest defeating, among others, the *Daily Illini* at the University of Illinois.

In celebration of this achievement, Spinner raised a glass of sparkling cider, stood on her desk and asked her fellow *DE* reporters to gather around. She asked her reporters to shout as loud as they could for one minute.

"There is no one moment I am more proud of. It reminds me of where I came from," she says. "SIU is about giving people an opportunity they may not have been able to get elsewhere. These people entrusted me with their leadership. I wanted them to scream for everybody who thought they couldn't be great."

"For some in that room, this may have been the best moment of their lives. But I knew others would work hard to have that feeling again. I will never forget that."

Walter Jaehnig, Director of the School of Journalism, will never forget Spinner.

"Jackie exhibited a great deal of initiative and enthusiasm at the *Daily Egyptian*. In addition to being a strong editor, faculty noticed an intelligent young lady with curiosity about the world outside," he says.

"There are a number of attributes we remember of Jackie. The SIUC journalism community and faculty remember her determination, intelligence, curiosity, and energy. To me, these attributes describe Jackie's love of life itself."

Spinner also started the *DE*'s first investigative reporting

team. One of the team's first assignments was to investigate overcrowding in Carbondale bars. Spinner's team physically counted people occupying the bars, and compared it to the occupying limit. After the stories ran in the paper, unhappy bar owners discontinued advertising in the *DE*. The paper dwindled to 12 pages.

"There were flyers with my photo distributed all over campus. The message was that I was the reason people had to stand in line to get into the bars," Spinner laughs. "Overcrowding bars is dangerous; but try telling college students that when they want a beer. I stayed off the Strip for weeks."

The University community also noticed Spinner's dedication. A high achiever in the classroom, the SIU Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council honored her as one of its 25 Most Distinguished Senior Award recipients in 1992. She was also named SIU's Lincoln Laureate, presented to the outstanding undergraduate student on campus. Ironically, her twin sister, Jenny, currently an English professor at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, received the same honor at Millikin University the same year.

After leaving Southern, Spinner earned a master's degree at the University of California at Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism. Prior to joining *The Washington Post* staff in 1995, she contributed stories to the *Oakland Tribune*, *San Diego Union Tribune*, and *Decatur Herald and Review*. She was also a media fellow at Duke University in 2002.

The University bestowed another honor on Spinner in

May of 2005. She received the SIU Alumni Achievement Award and was invited to speak at the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts commencement ceremony. During her speech, Spinner discarded rejection letters she had received from several prominent newspapers.

"Those letters always reminded me that I was fortunate to work at *The Washington Post*. It took a lot of sweat and tears to get there," she says. "I wanted our students to understand that they were going to get turned down a lot. But if I can go from the *DE* to *The Washington Post*, anyone can do it. There's no secret to it. As a journalist, you just have to work hard and get it right."

Spinner, in particular, recalls one of the rejection letters.

"My greatest ambition and defeat was working for the *Chicago Tribune*. But the rejection letter stated that they would only consider graduates from Big Ten Schools," she says. "The recruiter told me they wouldn't consider me because I attended SIU – the 'party school.' I had fun throwing that letter away."

Spinner says her Midwest roots keep her grounded. She grew up the daughter of a teacher and pipe fitter and takes pride in her blue collar upbringing. All three Spinner children attended college, as Jackie's brother, Tim, earned his degree from Eastern Illinois University.

"My family went through some struggles during the recession. I remember some nights going to bed hungry," Spinner says. "I am probably one of few reporters at *The Washington Post* to have ever eaten government cheese—and I am proud of it."



sister Jenny via e-mail and phone. Donna says the twins share a special relationship.

"Jackie and Jenny know each other better than any other two people I know. It is a very close relationship," Donna says. "They were in close communication throughout Jackie's time in Iraq. Jenny is Jackie's peer and twin; and they understand each other. Obviously, Jackie wasn't going to call her mother as many times as her twin sister.

"I always tried to be supportive. But like any parent, I am concerned for the safety and happiness of all three of my children. However, I understand that Jackie's job takes her to dangerous places, and I just pray that God takes care of her wherever she goes."

Jenny, who looked for her sister's byline in the *Post* daily to ensure that she was alive, supported her sister's decision, but admits that it was difficult.

"I initially wanted to be selfish and came up with several excuses for her not going. I was angry at Jackie for risking her life by taking this assignment but never told her that," Jenny says. "I told her she had my support. I supported her professionally, not personally."

In an excerpt from *Tell Them I Didn't Cry*, Jenny further explains her emotions regarding Jackie's decision:

*I was furious at my sister not just for agreeing to go to Iraq, but for wanting to. What was she thinking? What career move could possibly be worth death? I argued with her for days, furious arguments in which I said terrible things. But she didn't answer back – because I never said these things to her directly. I said them to the wall. I said them to the sky. I said them to her face, looking back at me in the mirror.*

*There's a certain responsibility in being a twin that I've come to*



The *Washington Post* reporter often donned a disguise to protect herself from insurgents.

*accept over the years; your love must be unconditional and selfless. When everyone else fails your twin, you must be there. So I swallowed my dread and sang into the mouthpiece of the telephone, 'I'm so happy for you! What an honor.' It would take months before I would understand why she wanted to go, why she needed to go, and why, eventually, I wanted her to be there, too.*

As Jackie prepared to board her plane en route to Iraq in March of 2004, Jenny wondered if she would ever see her sister again. Jackie was headed to a war zone that Jenny couldn't visualize. The two of them had shared so many experiences, but Jackie was embarking on one of the most dangerous assignments a journalist could encounter.

Before her sister left, Jenny had one last thing to say.

"I told Jackie that if anything were to happen to her, I would never feel joy in my life again. I wanted her to be careful and didn't know how else to say it," Jenny says. "Afterward I thought, 'Here I am married with a child and saying that I would never

have joy again.' But I didn't want Jackie to do anything to jeopardize her life. I reminded her that I was back here waiting for her.

"I was really saying, 'I love you so much. Please come back to me.'"

## ADJUSTING TO LIFE IN IRAQ

An extended family awaited Spinner in Iraq. The *Washington Post* Iraqi Bureau was comprised of more than 40 staff members, including bodyguards, maids, cooks, drivers, translators, and Iraqi writers who covered stories and took notes for Spinner in areas too dangerous for foreign journalists to venture. The bureau had been established in April 2003 by Rajiv

Chandrasekaran, the *Post*'s Baghdad chief, and is the largest of the newspaper's 20 foreign bureaus worldwide.

Spinner forged friendships with Iraqi staff, often baking cookies and preparing meals, which also served as a stress reliever for her. She says the *Post* had to trust the people they hired, fearing they may leak their location to dangerous insurgents. Therefore, most were family members, neighbors, or former colleagues.

Her relationships made the adjustment to the Middle East much easier.

"My family has always supported my decisions, and they are so important in my life. It would have been like falling into a black hole if I hadn't replaced them somehow," Spinner says. "I connected with the Iraqi people. It was also dangerous for them to be seen with Americans. I owe them everything; they kept me alive. They are my friends, my brothers, and sisters."

Spinner's adjustment to Iraq also meant shedding American habits. Bureau members educated her on mannerisms that could tip off insurgents. For instance, she was instructed to no longer drink water directly from a bottle, walk

too fast, or smile too much publicly in the midst of struggling Iraqis.

The transformation was even more dramatic for women:

*The staff taught me to wear long shirts that covered my behind and how to carry my purse on the crook of my arm just like my grandmother would. On the streets, I was not supposed to laugh or look a man in the eye, lest he think I was a flirting whore.*

*I disappeared into my Iraqi identity, even adopting an Iraqi name that the translators could use to summon me when we were outside. I was a homemaker, deaf and dumb, which would explain why I could not communicate if the insurgents ever stopped our car. When I was out reporting, I never told people on the street that I worked for The Washington Post. In some instances, I kept completely silent so as not to reveal that I spoke English.*

Spinner, disguised as an Iraqi Muslim, wore an Iraqi leather coat and shoes and was covered head to toe. But she quickly discovered that blending in wouldn't be a simple task.

In June of 2004, just three months into her tenure in Baghdad, Spinner had visited Abu Ghraib prison to gather information for a story on the release of detainees. She had learned some Arabic vocabulary, albeit with a Midwestern accent, and adhered to pointers Iraqi staff had offered, but something tipped her off as an American.

As she walked outside the prison, an Iraqi man grabbed her by the wrist, while another man grabbed her around the waist. They began pulling Spinner toward an awaiting vehicle. Her driver, who she had called as she left the prison, wasn't in view. She was trying to remember how to say "I am press" in Arabic, but a frightened Spinner instead said "I am a vegetarian."

Spinner fell to the ground and started kicking the men, who persistently continued dragging her toward the car.

They eventually discovered her wearing a blue bullet-proof flak jacket that foreigners wore in Iraq.

"It was an uncomfortable situation because I didn't want to attract too much attention by screaming. But at the same time, I knew I couldn't allow them to put me in that car," she says. "I remember there wasn't a cloud in the sky; it was really pretty. Then I thought, 'Where are those Marines inside the prison that I had told to watch me make it to my car?'"

Eventually some Marines approached the area, and the Iraqi men fled and let Spinner go. After the Marines led Spinner back inside the prison, she insisted her driver deliver a message to her fellow staff members: "You tell them I didn't cry."

"That was the one thing I could cling on to. I felt bad and defeated because something about my appearance gave me away," she says. "People assumed that I was making a feminist statement of some sort for women in corporate America. But in actuality, it just came out of my mouth because it was the one thing I could cling to."

Spinner returned to the bureau in a military convoy and wrote her story about the detainees' prison release. And she had no designs on heading back to her homeland.

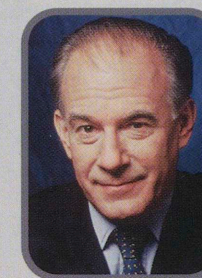
"I called my editor and begged him to let me stay in Iraq," she says.

The kidnapping attempt wasn't Spinner's only brush with danger. While embedded with Marines in Fallujah, shots had been fired in her direction and she narrowly escaped a rocket attack that came within inches of the humvee she shared with the troops. In *Tell Them I Didn't Cry*, Spinner describes a mortar attack on the Sheraton, the Bureau's location in Iraq:

*The first mortar sailed over our heads. We barely glanced up. It seemed too far away. Pfffft. The second mortar shot over us. We looked up. That was close, I said, the words barely out of my mouth before a large crack and flash of fire exploded over us. We looked at one another*

## HE SENSED SHE WAS SOMETHING SPECIAL

by David Ignatius,  
*Washington Post* columnist



I first met Jackie Spinner in 1994 while I was on a recruiting trip interviewing potential summer interns for *The Washington Post*. I had stopped at Berkeley and was talking to several

dozen eager, talented candidates. One of them was 15 minutes late for the interview. She said she was sorry but she had been doing something more important—working on a story.

That was Jackie.

Sometimes you get a feeling about someone—the spark of talent and desire is so powerful that you just have to throw out the normal rulebook. Reading Jackie's clips and listening to her talk about journalism, I had the feeling she might be one of those people. It was obvious, even from her student writing, that she connected with stories at a visceral level. She described to me a series of articles she had done the previous summer about youth gangs in San Diego, and she explained that she had lived in the streets for several weeks to get the facts right. That sounded like someone we wanted at *The Post*.

When I got back to Washington, I urged my colleagues to give her one of our coveted internships; when the initial decision was no, I wheedled and whined until they said yes and gave Jackie a slot.

As readers of her book will see, Jackie has written a love story. It records her passionate commitment to the people caught up in this war—Iraqi civilians and American soldiers, alike. It expresses her love for her colleagues, especially the courageous Iraqis who work in *The Washington Post* bureau in Baghdad and have kept us alive and functioning.

Anyone who feels cynical about the state of the American press or the commitment of its journalists to their mission should read Jackie's tale. This is the work she was put on earth to do. She is a blue-collar girl from the Midwest who writes from the heart.



*er for a split second, a collective recognition on each of our faces.*

*We were going to die together.*

Spinner admits to feeling vulnerable at times, but stayed focused on the task at hand.

"You can't dwell on things you narrowly missed," she says. "I've talked to soldiers about it. You have to be sharp and prepared for any situation that could occur."

### A LIGHTER SIDE

Although she was working in a volatile environment, Spinner enjoyed a lighter side of Iraq. She particularly points to a reality show the Iraqis had developed.

"The Iraqis produced a home improvement program. An Iraqi television news crew would select a house that had been bombed and rebuild it," she says. "They also love Oprah and *Friends* in Iraq."

Spinner's sense of humor is displayed while writing about a female staff member walking in on her in the bathroom after she had taken a shower:

*I was looking in the mirror trying to determine if my butt was still in shape after not running for months. She just stared. "Um Mohammed, please get out!" I implored, as I tried to cover myself with my hands. She continued to look. "Niiiiiice, Jackie," she said before backing out and closing the door. Great, I thought, knowing how much Um Mohammed wanted to fatten me up. That meant my butt was bigger!*

But the Iraqi staff always exhibited support. During the holidays, Spinner was able to communicate with her mother via Web cam. Donna Spinner watched as her daughter and Iraqi staff members decorated their Christmas tree and sang "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" to her.

"That was fascinating and special," Donna recalls. "It was comforting to see the amount of fun and enjoyment they had together decorating the tree. Various ones talked to me as well. At that moment, I thanked God for this technology we take for granted so often."

When Spinner became bureau chief,



Spinner addresses a question during a lecture for The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute in February.

she recalls another fond moment shared with her staff. The Bureau kept a swing in its backyard and this setting became a backdrop for Spinner's first order as boss.

"I invited everyone to swing for five minutes. They were to look at the sky and forget where they were. We were happy and still alive," she says. "I told our two lunch-time cooks they were first and we did this every day. They thought I was crazy."

"I saw them smiling in a way they hadn't the whole time I was there. That made me feel good."

### READJUSTING TO AMERICA

Spinner admits to feeling some guilt about leaving her friends at the *Post* bureau. While her return home allowed her to appreciate the freedoms she had to relinquish in Iraq, adjusting to her homeland has taken time.

"I really felt disconnected from American society and was angry a lot," she says. "While driving down a highway, I would imagine myself in a convoy. I was really jumpy as well. But I do feel safe here."

In *Tell Them I Didn't Cry*, Spinner elaborates on her post-war experience:

*I curled up in a ball, fighting nightmares of insurgents chasing me with swords. I jumped when the toaster popped, when a door*

*slammed unexpectedly, when a fork rattled to the ceramic floor of the kitchen. Helicopters nearly undid me; at the sound of the swirling blade, my pulse raced and I started to sweat. I knew this was simply postwar trauma, but I still wanted it to make sense, to understand what was happening to me.*

Donna Spinner says she hasn't noticed any change in Jackie, but believes her daughter takes comfort in interviewing military men and women. "It makes Jackie realize she's not the only one dealing with these things. She realizes her experiences are identical to military personnel who return to the States," she says. "I don't see a difference in her. But when I read accounts of what Jackie went through, it was an eye opener."

Spinner has no regrets. *The Washington Post* has since appointed her as its military affairs writer. This assignment may take her back to Iraq and Afghanistan, where she will write about military culture.

"I had some close calls, and I know how much my family worried. At some point it appears to be selfish, and I've told my family that I would consult with them before returning to the Middle East," Spinner says.

"But if my editor at *The Post* called and said, 'We need you on a plane to Baghdad,' I would go without hesitation." ▲



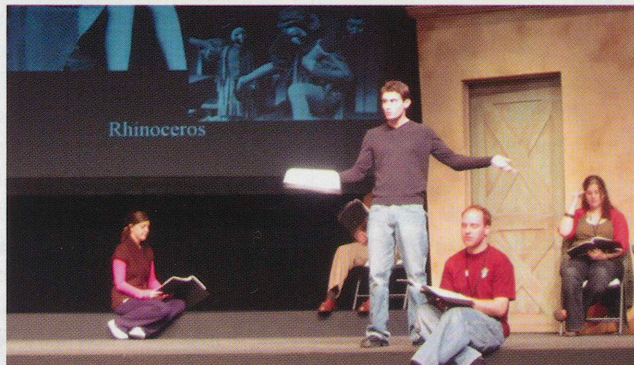
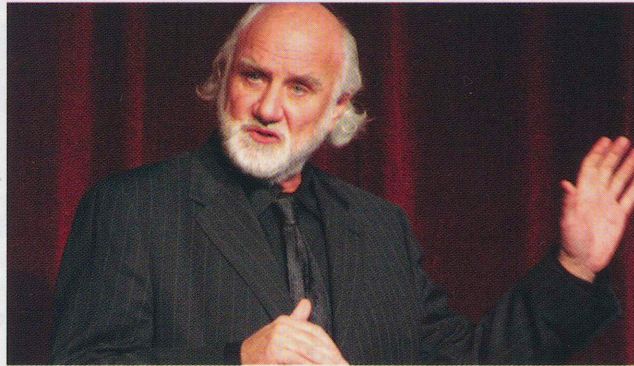
# Theater Department Stirs Memories At 40th Anniversary Gala Weekend

The SIUC Theater Department celebrated the 40th anniversary of McLeod Theater this spring. A year-long celebration, which included career panel discussions and readings of plays written by alumni, culminated with a Gala extravaganza weekend, April 7-8.

The SIU Alumni Association sponsored a wine reception prior to McLeod Theater's 40th Anniversary Gala Dinner Celebration, April 8, in the SIU Student Center Ballrooms. More than 100 alumni nationwide gathered on campus to reminisce about McLeod and participate in the celebration.

Among those present for the weekend were Anne McLeod Koletzke, daughter of Archibald McLeod for whom the theater was named; Marilyn Bartels, who appeared in McLeod's inaugural production of *A Long Day's Journey Into Night* in 1966; Peter Michael Goetz, a 1967 SIU theater graduate and successful Hollywood actor who joined Bartels in the initial production; and Shirlene Holmes, a playwright in Atlanta.

Doris Rottschalk, president-elect of the Alumni Association and a member of the anniversary planning committee, delivered a speech during the dinner program. Rottschalk encouraged alumni to support theater scholarship opportunities for students and advance the institution by joining the Alumni Association. She also reminded the audience that the Association's scope



More than 100 alumni returned to campus in April to celebrate the 40th anniversary of McLeod Theater. Pictured at top (from left) are longtime theater professor Christian Moe with his wife, Carolyn, Anne (McLeod) Koletzke and Peter Koletzke. Anne McLeod is the daughter of Archibald McLeod, for whom the theater is named. Hollywood actor Peter Michael Goetz (center) engages the audience during his keynote address. Above, theater alumni and students rehearse for a performance of "Forty Years in 40 Minutes."

goes beyond athletics, and the organization strives to support theater and arts as well.

A highlight of the dinner was a tribute to Dr. Christian Moe, who dedicated 40 years of his life to SIUC's theater department, serving as a faculty member from 1958-98 and department chair from 1989-1997. Moe, now a professor emeritus, was presented with a lifetime achievement award by David Rush, present chair of the theater department playwriting program.

The evening continued at McLeod Theater where guests enjoyed "Forty Years in 40 Minutes," a review of excerpts from past productions performed by SIUC theater students and alumni. Goetz, whose career has spanned television, film, and Broadway, delivered the keynote address, warmly thanking Moe and Southern for his recruitment to the University and guidance early in his career.

In order to attend the Theater Department Gala, the well-known actor took a night off from his performance at the Tyronne-Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis. During his 40-year career, it is the first performance he has ever missed.

Goetz spent the remainder of the evening mingling with fellow alumni at the anniversary cake-and-champagne party in the McLeod lobby, sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association. ■





# SWAPPING BEACHES FOR BUSINESS

by Laura Taylor

Every spring break, college students across the country race to exotic locations and beachside resorts for a week full of fun in the sun. Students often use this week to get away from the worries of homework and the classroom.

But since 1984, the Extern Program, coordinated by the SIU Alumni Association, the Student Alumni Council, and Southern's colleges, has given students a unique opportunity during spring break.

"There is a difference between learning these applications in the classroom and gaining hands-on experience in the real world," says Eric Vinyard, a senior in mechanical engineering technology. "Being an extern broadened my knowledge of the engineering field." Vinyard was one of 17 Southern students to extern at Boeing in St. Louis.

The award-winning Extern Program caters to the career interests of students by matching them with a sponsor in their chosen field during spring break. Students are required to submit an application and complete an interview process. In March, 152 students completed externships at 108 companies. Externs were hosted in 17 different states.

Vinyard and Michelle Puzey, a junior studying mechanical engineering, both decided to extern at Boeing, citing the abundance of knowledge gained during the one-week period. "Just being able to talk to people in the aerospace industry is a big plus," Puzey says.



Externs Michelle Puzey (center) and Eric Vinyard (right) get a lesson in aeronautics history from a Boeing employee.

Networking with industry contacts is also a large part of the program. Over the last three years, 38 percent of the participants have received job or internship offers. "Obviously, this is a good week to make contacts in the industry," Vinyard says. "It's also a good opportunity to see applications of what we've been spending four years learning at Southern."

Like Vinyard, Andrew Beer, a junior studying music business, aspired to gain additional knowledge in his chosen field, but he also participated for another reason.

"I clearly wanted to receive some job experience, but wanted to make sure that this is what I want to do when I graduate," says Beer, who externed with Jazz at the Bistro in St. Louis. "The Extern Program helps students not only gain experience, but also refine their career choices. With a year left in school, I thought this experience would assist me in working on some of my weaknesses and would make me more marketable when I begin my job search later."

## HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR SOUTHERN EXTERNS

During this weeklong experience, sponsors have high expectations for Southern externs. Students are required to exhibit professionalism and typically work full shifts, and par-



# SOMETHING TO BUILD ON

by Nicky Jacobs

ticipate in work-related duties under the guidance of appropriate personnel.

Donning professional business attire, Vinyard and Puzey's first day at Boeing began with a Monday morning orientation meeting at 7 a.m. After splitting 18 students into their individual sponsor groups, Vinyard and Puzey met with their own team that would accompany them for the rest of the week. Their sponsors immediately swept them off to separate buildings at the Boeing complex to begin their weeklong experience.

They began training with their personal team, and then it was off to their first session. After an hour-long lunch break, they received additional training from Boeing sponsors and employees. Their workday concluded at 4 p.m.

## SPONSORS REAP BENEFIT

Students aren't the only ones benefiting from the Extern Program. Sponsors often say they profit just as much from the program as the students.

"Well, everybody likes to talk about what they do," laughs Dan McGeehan, an engineer at Boeing and a sponsor for this year's program. "But we got to enjoy and learn from this, too."

Sponsors also spend time with students in other important areas of the job search process, such as resume building. Students have the opportunity not only to enhance their resume skills, but also to find out from employers just what they need to have on their resumes. Job market preparation is a large part of the Extern Program.

"If we can help them take away some of the nervousness or uncertainty about their future, that's good," McGeehan says. "They should know that they can do this job."

For more information on sponsoring an extern, call Tuesday Ashner in the SIU Alumni Association office at (618) 453-2408.

When Southern senior Allison Deany initially walked into the Architechniques building for a week-long externship, she did not anticipate the firm offering her a paid internship. But that is exactly what happened.

"When I found out, my first thought was, 'Thank God.' It is stressful to go out into the world after college; having an internship handed to me is pretty nice," Deany says. "It is an exciting opportunity. I told my mom and fiancé first."

Deany, who is studying interior design, was paired with Architechniques, a commercial architecture firm in Herrin, Ill., specializing in healthcare and professional buildings, through the SIU Alumni Association's Extern Program.

SIUC graduate Steve Sims, president of Architechniques, was thrilled with Deany's talent.

"This is the first time we have worked with an interior design intern," he says. "It's nice to have someone who has that educational experience. We realized that's something the company was lacking."

When asked about Deany's reaction to being offered the internship, Sims says she was "visibly excited." Sims said the firm strived to expose Deany to all aspects of the firm, which went beyond focusing on her interior design background. "We're restretching her capabilities."

During her externship, Deany worked on a project for the Herrin Elks, focusing on architectural detailing (the process of writing down instructions on how to put building infrastructure together). Her second major project consisted of picking design selections and color boards for the Franklin Hospital in Benton, Ill.

"Since the architecture studies and interior design program take the same classes the first two years, I'm putting to use what I learned in class," Deany says. "They're teaching us things that we actually do use in the future."

Sims says Deany was offered the paid internship because of her motivation, inquiring mind, and drive. "Allison has taken on the projects and completed them quickly," he notes. "She really took the ball and ran with it."

Christopher Post, an undergraduate working toward his degree in architectural studies, says his experience included a business trip out of state.

Post chose to extern with Image Architects Inc. in Carbondale during his spring break vacation. While some students chose to hit the beaches, Post's motto was "Spring comes every year; opportunities don't!"

Instead of just visiting construction sites in southern Illinois, Post was able to visit two sites in Jackson, Mo.

"The first [site] was a renovation project of a 15,000-square-foot bank, and the other was a newly constructed \$1 million-plus bank. The two banks were similar but with completely different programs and means of construction," Post says. "I found both projects interesting. The new construction made my heart race a little faster, but it could have just been the hardhat."

Eric Spencer, SIUC alumni and president/CEO of Image Architects Inc., says if the Extern Program was available during his study at the University he would have participated. "I can definitely see how this program is of value to the students."

Spencer notes his company has been sponsoring SIUC externs ever since he can remember. He feels it was important for Post to be exposed to both the positive and negative aspects of the business.

"We didn't put Christopher in a corner," Spencer says. "The schedule was flexible and whenever we saw an opportunity, he was exposed to it; even the negative ones. This business is ever-changing and impromptu."

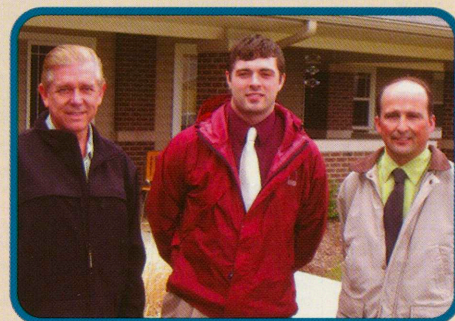
Design work, client meetings, discussing new ideas and viewing completed projects kept Post busy throughout the week. Post says each day was filled with different tasks and problems to solve.

"I worked primarily with Spencer, who provided me with a desk and a computer to use over the course of the week," Post recalls. "He made me a part of the Image work environment and treated me like any other employee."

Spencer is impressed with the quality of students the architecture program is producing at Southern. "What I noticed is that Christopher was in tune with trying to understand what was happening," he says. "He absorbed what was going on, focused on what we were trying to do, and listened."

Post is grateful for the opportunity to work in a professional environment, and the experience gave him something for which to strive.

His efforts led to the firm hiring him as an intern through the summer. He will continue working at Image Architects during his senior year at Southern, with a possibility of being hired as a full-time employee, according to Spencer. Currently, 11 of 17 employees at Image are Southern alumni.



Christopher Post (center) is shown with Eric Spencer (right), President/CEO of Image Architects, and co-general partner and project developer Gary Hill.



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Justin Fisher	Vice President/Project Architect	Peck, Flannery, Gream, Warren, Inc.	Mary Jo Hollensbe	Partner	Hyatt Regency
Gema Fuller	Audio Engineer	SmithLee Productions	Penny Clancy	Director of Human Resources	Kemper CPA Group, LLP
Blaine Strock	Human Resources Recruiter	MB Financial	Jim Cocos	Interim Director	Sentinel Technologies
Rachel Herbener	Southern Illinois Community President	Regions Bank	Bruce Coleman	Principal	Missouri Botanical Gardens
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Kent Boyles	Secretary	SIU School of Medicine	Steve Dickey	Vice President	Prism Retail Services
Jill Rudolph	District Wildlife Biologist	Coffeen State Fish and Wildlife Area	Dean Dittmar	Field Advisor	Chicago Board of Trade
Prabodh Shah	Program Coordinator	YWCA of Elgin	Rick Doggett	Coordinator, Internships	Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
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					Illinois Department of Human Services



# 9-11 Tragedy Leads SIU Aviation Grad To Write Children's Books

by Pam Mellskog

Southern Illinois University alumnus Mark Hoog flies for a living as a captain with United Airlines. But multiple crashes during the industry's darkest hours on Sept. 11, 2001, prompted him to moonlight as a children's book author.

The Niwot, Colo., native recently debuted "*Your Song*" (Sunflower Publishing, \$16.95) and has five more books scheduled to be published by 2007. Each book is part of the "Growing Field Adventure" series, highlighting a "leadership seed" from self-confidence and inner strength to responsibility and determination.

The main idea grew from an unlikely place—Hoog's experience of attending the funeral of his friend and fellow pilot, Jeff Dahl, who died flying United Airlines Flight 93, the terrorist-attacked plane that nose-dived into a Pennsylvania field.

Airline brass asked the SIU aviation graduate to deliver the bad news to Dahl's wife and son just hours after the tragedy. At the funeral later that week, the grieving Hoog listened to Dahl's son, Matt, then 13, deliver an unforgettable eulogy.

"Matt said what he remembered the most about his dad is that he read to him," the 37-year-old Hoog says. The boy then paused before opening a Dr. Seuss book and reading it—cover-to-cover—to the assembled mourners.



After attending the funeral of United Airlines Flight 93 pilot Jeff Dahl, SIUC grad Mark Hoog felt compelled to turn his attention to writing a series of children's books.

"When he closed the book, he looked up and said, 'Goodnight, Dad,'" Hoog recalls. "More than anything else in my life, that showed me the power of reading to your kid. But I wondered, 'Who's going to be that voice of value for him now?'"

Consciously and often subconsciously, Hoog stewed on that question for three years. Then in a two-month flurry of creativity, he composed each of the six books in 15-minute sittings.

One came to him as he killed time at the LaGuardia Airport terminal. Inspiration hit again during a shower. "I turned the water off, threw on a towel and went straight to the den (computer)," he says. The first book opens with a busy scene on the streets of Walden, a namesake town for

American philosopher Henry David Thoreau's flagship work—one of Hoog's favorite classics.

To infuse the text with some living color, he has teamed up with illustrator Robert Aukerman, who developed a playful series of cartoonish characters on the pages. After the first press run last fall, chain book stores nationwide have been selling out.

Hoog, who also launched a nonprofit Children's Leadership Institute in 2005 to encourage personal growth in kids, earned a bachelor's degree in Aviation Management at Southern in 1990 and now lives in Fort Collins, Colo., with his wife and three children.

—Mellskog is a staff writer for the *The Daily Times-Call* in Longmont, Colo.

Photo by Richard Hackett



# 25 Students Named 'Distinguished Seniors'

**T**wenty-five Southern Illinois University Carbondale students recently received Distinguished Senior Awards. The Southern Illinois University Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council presented the awards during the annual spring "Super Student Honors Dinner."

The award is presented annually to 25 students who enrich the University and Carbondale community through their service activities. In order to qualify for the honor, students must complete a lengthy application process, earn a minimum grade point average of 3.0, and receive positive recommendations from University and community officials.

Chancellor Walter Wendler and his wife, Mary, the SIU Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council host the awards banquet. Student recipients received recognition plaques, Saluki "puppy" statues, SIUC license plate frames, SIU alumni T-shirts, and a first-year membership in the SIU Alumni Association.

The recipients were as follows:

## Illinois

• Alto Pass: **Joshua Boone**, mathematics. Academic achievements include a 3.9 grade point average; six semesters on the College of Science Dean's List, SIUC Chancellor's Scholarship; Undergraduate Research Award, fall 2005 to present; and Carl G. Townsend Scholarship Award. University and community service include the Earl University Prize for Original Writing for the short story "Welcome to Alto Pass," which Boone wrote for the University Honors Program.

• Bartlett: **Patrick Maloney**, physiology. Academic achievements include a 3.3 grade point average; presenter for the 2006 Student Development Leadership Conference; Illinois General Assembly Scholarship, 2002 to present; and Outstanding Greek Man of the Year for 2005. University and community service include Habitat for Humanity, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale, AIDS Walk, and Saluki Day of Service.

• Benton: **Cody Chullen**, management. Academic achievements include a 3.8 grade point average; University Honors Program; four semesters on the Dean's List; Golden Key International Honour Society; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; Gamma Beta Phi Honor and Service Society; Katy Becker Simonds Scholarship, 2005-06; Ronald E.

Hall/CITGO Petroleum Oil Scholarship, 2005-06. University and community service include Habitat for Humanity, A Night to Remember Alzheimer's Auction, Bowl for Kid's Sake, Southern Illinois AIDS Walk, and Alzheimer's Memory Walk.

• Carbondale: **Travis Davidson**, management information systems. Academic achievements include a 3.9 grade point average; Dean's List seven semesters; Presidential Scholarship, 2002-06; Merit Recognition Award, 2002-06; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Outstanding Senior Management Award for 2005. University and community service include Beautify Southern Illinois Student Alliance president, and Earth Day Awareness.

• Catlin: **Lauren Crome**, social work. Academic achievements include a 4.0 grade point average; seven semesters on the Dean's List; Saluki Ambassador of the Year fall 2005; research accepted for presentation at Illinois Rural Health Association Conference in spring 2006; National Association of Social Workers Undergraduate Student of the Year, spring 2006. University and community service include Saluki Ambassador, new student move-in, team captain for Student Life Advisors.

• Charleston: **Megan McCallister**, food and nutrition with a specialization in dietetics. Academic achievements include a 3.1 grade point average; 2006 Agricultural Sciences outstanding senior Who's Who Among America's College Students 2005; academic scholarship 2002-04. University and community service include Beautify Southern Illinois campaign, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Book in Every Home campaign, and Saluki Day of Service.

• Granite City: **Kerry Koskie**, biological sciences. Academic achievements include a 3.5 grade point average; University Honors Program; four semesters on Dean's List; Harvey I. Fisher Award 2005; Leo Kaplan Award 2005; John W. Voight Scholarship 2006; Golden Key International Honour Society; National Dean's List. University and community service include Humane Society of Southern Illinois, Adopt-A-Spot, Expanding Your Horizons, and Make a Difference Day.

• Greenville: **Krista Kukowski**, radio-television broadcast news. Academic achievements include a 3.3 grade point average; University Honors Program; one semester on the Dean's List; Obelisk Yearbook Staff Member of the Year 2004;

Illinois Broadcasters Scholarship 2005; and Southwestern Electric Scholarship 2002. University and community service include Habitat for Humanity, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and Take Back the Night.

• Macon: **Reta Kendall**, social work. Academic achievements include a 3.6 grade point average; University Honors Program; six semesters on the Dean's List; Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society; Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society; Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Society; Order of Isis Greek Honor Society; Order of Omega National Greek Honor Society; and Golden Key International Honour Society. University and community service include Carbondale Women's Center, Take Back the Night, Women's Center Clothes Line Project, Habitat for Humanity, and American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

• Marion: **Sarah Hanson**, history. Academic achievements include a 3.9 grade point average; University Honors Program; eight semesters on the Dean's List; academic scholarship 2002; Order of Omega president spring 2004 to present; Mae Nelson Memorial Scholarship for Public Service 2005; Caldwell-Sanders Award 2006; 2004 homecoming queen; Golden Key and International Honour Society. University and community service include student life adviser team captain, Beautify Southern Illinois, and Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk.

• Moline: **Maria Guerrero**, administration of justice. Academic achievements include a 3.6 grade point average; University Honors Program; four semesters on the Dean's List; 2005 Hispanic American Scholarship; 2005 McNair Scholars Program; 14th National McNair Scholars Research Conference presenter; Sigma Delta Pi National Spanish Honor Society; Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society; Golden Key International Honour Society. University and community service include Adopt-A-Spot, SIU blood drives, Habitat for Humanity, Saluki Ambassadors vice president of publicity, and Beautify Southern Illinois.

• Monticello: **Stefanie Adams**, speech communications/public relations. Academic achievements include a 3.7 grade point average; University Honors Program; six semesters on the Dean's List; speech communications department tuition scholarship; Alpha Kappa Psi; Dean's Scholarship for fall 2003, spring 2004, fall 2004, and



spring 2005. University and community service include Alzheimer's Memory Walk, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, WSIU/WUSI pledge drive, Saluki Ambassador social chair, Leadership Council guest speaker/workshop presenter.

• Mount Carmel: **Cassie Bishop**, marketing and management. Academic achievements include a 3.9 grade point average; fall 2003 Provost's Scholarship; seven semesters on the Dean's List; Gamma Beta

Phi Honor Society; Golden Key International Honour Society president, fall 2004 to present; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, spring 2005; James B. and Rosemary Samuel Childress Scholarship, spring 2005; Kimikio Ajioka Marketing Scholarship, summer 2005; Ronald E. Hall/CITGO Scholarship, spring 2006; Uma Sekaran "Most Outstanding Senior Female Management Major" Award. University and community service include Carbondale

Main Street fall clean-up, Safe Halloween, Career Enhancement Week, American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

• Murphysboro: **Aaron Anderson**, industrial technology. Academic achievements include a 3.9 grade point average; eight semesters on the Dean's List; E. Leon Dunning Award, Industrial Technology-Engineering 2006; Golden Key International Honour Society; and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. University and community

## 'The Best Four Years Of My Life' Snyder Exhibits Leadership, Loyalty and Commitment

by Nicky Jacobs

**W**hen Adam Snyder is asked to describe himself in one word, he responds by saying "determined."

As one of Southern Illinois University Carbondale's 25 Most Distinguished Senior Award recipients, he proved himself to be just that. The honor is bestowed on graduating seniors who have enriched the University through their active involvement in various facets of campus life in addition to being high achievers in the classroom.

Chancellor Walter Wendler, the SIU Alumni Association, and Student Alumni Council honored recipients at a special dinner. An honors graduate in May, Snyder earned a bachelor's degree in marketing, was on the National Dean's List, and was a member of Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society.

"I have been fortunate to learn from great professors who have a vast knowledge of the business world," Snyder says. "Their knowledge and expertise has allowed me to learn the critical steps to become successful once I graduate."

"I have had the distinct privilege of attending this University, and I wouldn't trade my experiences for anything."

A key member of the Saluki baseball team, Snyder maintained a 3.5 grade point average. While pitching for the Salukis, Snyder impressed the coaching staff with his sportsmanship and intensity for the game.

"During the past four years, Adam Snyder has been exemplary as a student-athlete here. He is conscientious academically, and he is a warrior on the ball field," says Saluki Baseball Coach Dan Callahan. "Adam has an undying competitive nature, yet he does so with dignity."

"I have two daughters who make me proud. But I'll say that if I had a son, or even a son-in-law, I'd want him to emulate Adam Snyder."

Snyder has been honored many times for these attributes. Saluki athletics has presented him with the Abe Martin Award for Leadership, Loyalty and Commitment, the Mundo Spirit Award, and he has earned Academic All-Missouri Valley honors, and the MVC Commissioners Award for Academic Excellence. He was also the baseball representative for the Student Athletic Advisory Committee at the University.

"As a baseball player, I'm presented with an opportunity to strive for excellence as an athlete. I have been

able to use my competitive drive both on the field and in the classroom," Snyder says. "Budgeting my time between academics and baseball has not been easy. But in the end, I find it rewarding and gratifying that I have done well in both."

Snyder says participating in activities beyond athletics has been rewarding, too.

"Not only have I been fortunate enough to attend one of the best business schools in the nation, but I have also been able to become part of the Carbondale community," Snyder says. "I think looking at the bigger picture is something everyone should do, and I'm glad I learned this at a young age."

Snyder says volunteer activities in the community have helped him round out his overall college experience. His favorite programs are Toys for Tots and Santa's Shoebox. Both help provide gifts to underprivileged local children during the holiday seasons.

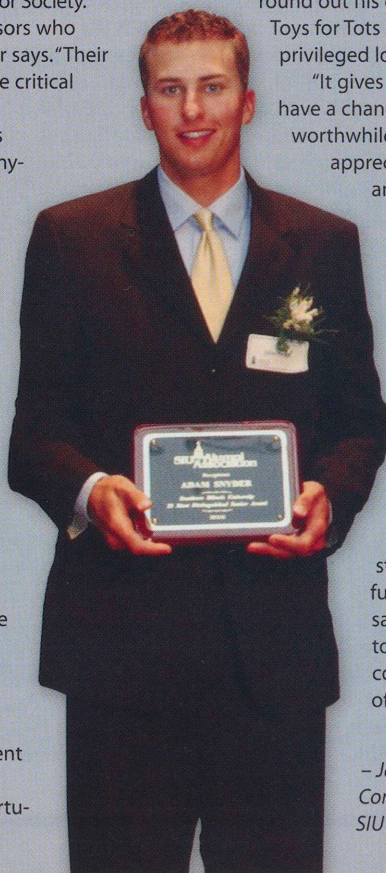
"It gives me a sense of enjoyment and pride knowing that you have a chance to impact the lives of young children," he says. "It's worthwhile knowing that those gifts are going to kids who really appreciate them. Some of them just wanted a pair of shoes, and helping them by granting their wish is awesome."

The Special Olympics is another event Snyder enjoys immensely.

"As a Saluki baseball player, there have been numerous opportunities to help with the community and the young kids who may be future SIU students. The kids think it's really neat to be out there with college players, and I'm just happy to be able to give them the opportunity."

Snyder now hopes to receive a job at a major sporting goods retailer. He is looking into options at Nike and Under Armour, but says he is open to other possibilities that may come his way.

"I feel my accomplishments and achievements as a student-athlete have allowed me to prepare for the future; I feel comfortable entering the 'real world,'" he says. "The Distinguished Senior Award appropriately tops off my experience at Southern Illinois University. I consider my time at Southern to be the best four years of my life."



— Jacobs is a senior from Crystal Lake majoring in Speech Communication at SIUC. She completed an externship at the SIU Alumni Association, March 13-17.



service include Saluki Day of Service, Make a Difference Day, Beautify Southern Illinois, Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale, and Southern Illinois AIDS Walk.

- Nashville: **Jodi Kostecki**, civil engineering. Academic achievements include a 3.8 grade point average; seven semesters on the Dean's List; spring 2006 College of Engineering Outstanding Senior Award; spring 2005 David L. Eddingfield Award for Academic Excellence for Women in Engineering; academic scholarship fall 2002 to spring 2004; Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society; Golden Key International Honour Society; Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society. University and community service include Saluki Day of Service, Expanding your Horizons, Engineering Day Mind Games and Events, IJAS Regional Science Fair.

- Petersburg: **Kristen Spath**, accounting. Academic achievements include a 3.8 grade point average; University Honors Program; six semesters on the Dean's List; fall 2002 Chancellor's Scholarship; spring 2006 College of Business and Administration Scholarship; spring 2003 Carrie Baines Memorial Scholarship; spring 2004 Alpha Kappa Psi's Excellence in Professional Development. University and community service include American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Adopt-A-Spot, Make a Difference Day, AIDS Walk, Boys and Girls Club, and Habitat for Humanity.

- Ridgway: **Katy Newton**, secondary English education. Academic achievements include a 3.9 grade point average; fall 2002 Presidential Scholarship; seven semesters on the Dean's List; fall 2002 Valedictorian Scholarship for Incoming Freshmen; Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society; Order of Omega Honor Society. University and community service include Safe Halloween, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Valentine's Day cards for local nursing home, Carbondale Women's Center collection, and Asthma Walk.

- Roselle: **Andrew Benko**, mechanical engineering technology. Academic achievements include a 3.7 grade point average; nine semesters on the Dean's List; fall 2001 Boeing Product Support Scholarship; Tau Alpha Pi-National Engineering Technologies Honor Society; spring 2006 Alpha Eta Rho Senior Service and Scholarship Key; spring 2003 Air Force Achievement Medal; 2004 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. University and community service include Habitat for Humanity, painting and clean-up of Carterville Park District baseball fields, motorcycle safety instructor, and supplemental instructor for Math 125.

- Springfield: **Elaine Rashmawy**, journalism/news-editorial. Academic achievements include a 3.7 grade point average; University Honors Program; four semesters on the Dean's List; spring 2003 National Dean's List; fall 2005 Lincoln Laureate Award nominee; fall 2005 to spring 2006 Sen. Penny Severns Character Counts College of Liberal Arts Scholarship; fall 2005 to spring 2006 Judith Roales Journalism Scholarship; fall 2004 to spring 2005 Harry W. and Helen M. Stonecipher Journalism Scholarship; Golden Key International Honour Society; 2003-04 highest sophomore GPA in Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. University and community service include Habitat for Humanity, Carbondale Women's Center, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, A Book in Every Home, Bowl for Kid's Sake, Make a Difference Day, and Adopt-A-Family.

- Sullivan: **Alexis Allen**, business management. Academic achievements include a 3.9 grade point average; University Honors Program; six semesters on the Dean's List; fall 2002 Chancellor's Scholarship; Alpha Lambda Delta; Gamma Beta Phi spring 2004; Golden Key International Honour Society; fall 2003 Pi Omega Pi Honor Society; spring 2005 Super Student Scholarship; spring 2006 Phi Kappa Phi; spring 2006 Outstanding Management Senior Award. University and community service include summer 2004 Student Life Advisor team captain, fall 2005 SIU Presidential Search Committee, spring 2003 Core Curriculum Committee, Associate Provost Search Committee fall 2004, fall 2005 to spring 2006 Traffic and Parking Committee, spring 2003 to spring 2006 Saluki Ambassador, fall 2005 Student Leadership Conference programmer and presenter, Student Programming Council executive director fall 2004 to fall 2005, Undergraduate Student Government senator, finance committee chair, chief of staff (fall 2002 to present).

- Vienna: **Naarah Lindsay**, physiology pre-med. Academic achievements include a 3.6 grade point average; University Honors Program; seven semesters on the Dean's List; 2006 Honors Department General Tuition Scholarship Recipient; 2004-2005 National Dean's List; 2005 Albert and Leyla Somit Scholarship; 2005 Dean's Scholarship; 2005 College of Liberal Arts Scholarship; Golden Key International Honour Society; REACH Undergraduate Research Award 2004-05. University and community service include Abundant Health Clinic, Adopt-A-Spot, Beautify Southern Illinois, Books for Africa, Land of Lincoln AmeriCorps Fellow,

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Valentines for Troops, Meals on Wheels, and Student Programming Council homecoming committee.

- West Dundee: **Lindsay Mendro**, computer engineering. Academic achievements include a 3.7 grade point average; University Honors Program; eight semesters on the Dean's List; Golden Key International Honour Society 2004-06; 2002-03 Provost Award; 2002-03 Freshmen in Engineering Scholarship; 2004-05 tuition award; 2004-05 and 2005-06 Boeing Scholarship; Tau Beta Pi Honor Society 2005-06. University and community service include Saluki Day of Service, Carbondale Main Street clean-up, Engineering Day volunteer, ICTM Math Competition, Expanding Your Horizons, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, College of Engineering tutor, Society of Women Engineers historian, webmaster, and ESC representative.

## Pennsylvania

- Pittsburgh: **Adam Snyder**, marketing. (See story previous page)

## Wyoming

- Cheyenne: **Dustin Hixenbaugh**, English and Spanish. Academic achievements include a 3.9 grade point average; University Honors Program; nine semesters on the Dean's List; Golden Key International Honour Society; Saluki Debate Team Full Scholarship; Carl Lutes Outstanding Senior English Major Award. University and community service include Student Life Advisor, Keep Carbondale Beautiful, Red Cross blood drives, and University Writing Center peer tutor.

## International

- Verona, Italy: **Alden Mulabdic**, philosophy and political science. Academic achievements include a 3.8 grade point average; University Honors Program; three semesters on the Dean's List; spring 2005 Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Undergraduate Scholarship; spring 2005 College of Liberal Arts Professor H.B. Jacobini Memorial Scholarship; spring 2005 Rotary Club Frank L. Klingberg Scholarship for "service above self"; Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges; Golden Key International Honour Society. University and community service include Red Cross blood drives fall and spring, Illinois Highway 13 clean-up, political science department ambassador, Undergraduate Student Government senator, and University Core Curriculum advisory committee.



# Nothing But Blue Skies Headed His Way

by Nicky Jacobs

Excitement and pure bewilderment flooded Jeffrey Jaynes' emotions when he received his Super Student Scholarship award notification.

"I thought it was a rejection notice," he now says. "I figured if I had won, they would have notified me already, so it was surprising to open the letter and see the word 'Congratulations!' on the first line. I called my parents and they were ecstatic. My instructors were also happy, but oddly enough, most of them expected it. In fact, my advisor said he never doubted that I would win the scholarship."

The Super Student Scholarship, valued at \$500, honors two outstanding students who have enriched the University with their involvement in various facets of campus life. Student Alumni Council, the student chapter of the SIU Alumni Association, raises funds to support the scholarships.

Jaynes, a junior majoring in aviation flight and management, was recognized at a dinner co-hosted by SIUC

Chancellor Walter Wendler, the SIU Alumni Association, and Student Alumni Council in April. When he arrived at the Student Center Ballrooms for the occasion, Jaynes says the prestige of the event finally hit him. "I was so excited to be honored as one of only two students at the University to receive this award.

After finding his designated table, he discovered a pleasant surprise.

"My Mom and I were really excited when we got ready to sit down at the dinner," Jaynes says. "We were surprised to find the Chancellor and Mrs. Wendler, and the Associate Dean of my college and his wife at our table."

Jaynes' academic prowess afforded him an opportunity to select some of the premier aviation schools in the country. He considered Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Purdue University, and the University of North Dakota. But he says Southern stood out in his mind.

"SIU offered an atmosphere that was exactly what I needed to get ahead," Jaynes says. "The University not only sup-

plied me with a course to get my wings, but also with an intensive management degree taught by individuals who had spent time in the aviation field. This was perhaps the biggest draw for me."

As president of the University's Aviation Management Society (AMS), Jaynes leads a student group that is dedicated to showcase the aviation industry

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## Ciji Nichole Taylor Earns Other Super Student Scholarship



A woman with a penchant for leadership in the University community joins Jeffrey Jaynes as the other recipient of the 2006 Super Student Junior Scholarship.

Ciji Nichole Taylor, a junior marketing and management major at Southern, has maintained a 4.0 grade point average in her major while leading several community and University service projects and programs. She has been a Dean's List and University Honors Program student since 2003.

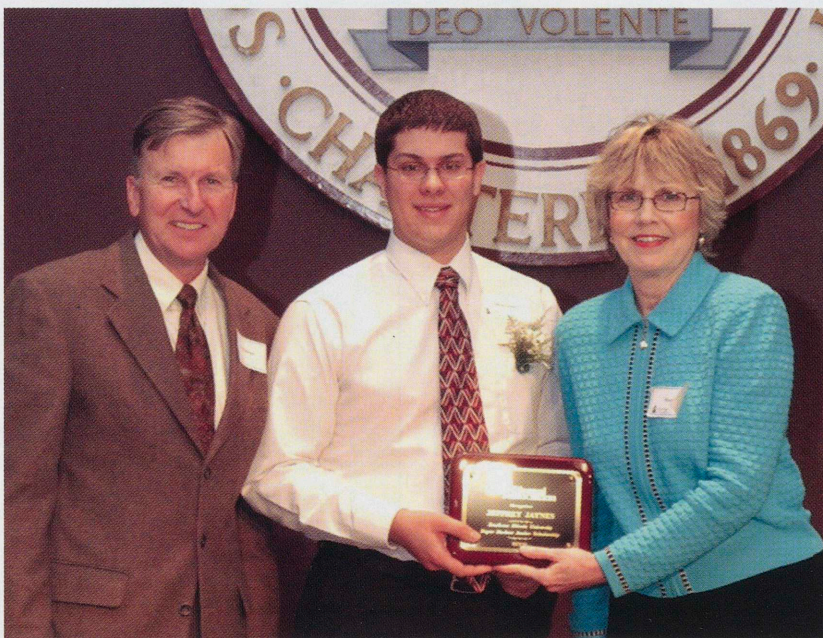
While maintaining a sparkling GPA, she holds two jobs. Taylor works in the University's Student Development office and tutors fifth- and sixth-graders in nearby Carterville. In addition, the Fairfield native is a Saluki Ambassador, conducting campus tours for two prospective students on a weekly basis. She has served as president and recruitment chair for this organization.

"I always try to give 100 percent, keep a positive attitude, and encourage others," Taylor says. "I know my words and actions serve as examples for others to follow. Therefore, I always strive to do my best."

Taylor has served in various leadership roles for Alpha Kappa Psi since 2004, including her post as assistant vice president of membership. She has also risen to vice president of the Kellogg Hall Council, and served on the College of Business Administration Council.

In addition, she's active in the Carbondale community. She has volunteered for the city's Adopt-A-Spot and Beautify Southern Illinois programs, Head Start, Operation Christmas Child, and participated in Christmas caroling at area nursing homes.

"I take huge pride in being a student here; being able to convey my feelings about Southern to prospective students is an amazing opportunity," Taylor says. "This provides me with an opportunity to give back to a University that has provided me with so much."



Jeffrey Jaynes receives his Super Student award from Sheri Hunter, President of the SIU Alumni Association, and Fred Isberner, Associate Dean in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.



# Southern Track Athletes To Nationals

**A**t press time, Southern throwers *Amarachi Ukabam*, *Mark Milleville* and *Brittany Riley* combined to win four regional titles and had advanced to the 2006 NCAA National Championships held recently in Sacramento, Calif. Results of their action will appear in next issue of *Saluki Pride*.

Ukabam successfully defended her 2005 title in the shot put at the NCAA Mideast Regional Championships, throwing 58-11.50 to break her own Mideast Regional record, along with the school and Missouri Valley Conference all-time best. She then threw a career-best in the discus to set a new SIU and MVC record.

Milleville threw 212-01 in the men's hammer to automatically qualify himself for the NCAA National Championships. Riley threw 209-03 to break a new regional record and take the women's hammer title.

Runners *Ty Davis* and *Anthony Acklin* also made the trip to California with qualifying marks in their respective events. Davis set a new Saluki record in the women's 800-meter run. She ran 2:06.31 in the finals to finish fourth and break a three-year-old record. Acklin advanced in the 110 hurdles in a time of 13.69, the second-best time of his career.

As a team, Southern women's track and field team landed on both the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association and the *Trackwire* polls after a sixth-place finish at the Mideast Regional Meet.



Amarachi Ukabam set SIU and MVC records in the shot put this season.

## Softball Dawgs Play In Fourth Straight NCAA Regional

**F**or the fourth year in a row, the Saluki softball team earned a spot in the NCAA Tournament. Southern was one of three teams selected from the Missouri Valley Conference and was sent to the Evanston, Ill., regional.

As third seed in the Valley Tournament, Southern received the NCAA bid despite losing two straight games in the league competition. The 2006 Salukis finished with a record of 35-13 (15-6 MVC).

The Salukis lost the NCAA Tournament opener 4-0 to host Northwestern, but came back to take the second game with a 2-1 win over Cal-Santa Barbara. The squad was then eliminated with a 5-4 loss to Notre Dame.

*Katie Louis* paced the team on offense with a team-best .329 average, nine homers and 35 RBI. Cassidy Scoggins led the way on the hill with a 26-12 record and a strong 1.098 ERA. She fanned 240 and walked only 34 in 225.1 innings.

For Louis and fellow seniors *Christina Andrews*, *Samantha Carter*, and *Lauren Roney*, the loss was their last game as a Saluki. This class has been to four consecutive NCAA Tournaments, something that no group before them was able to do.

"It's hard when you lose kids that for four years got you to something that you've never been before," says head coach Kerri Blaylock. "And I'm not a coach that is off on a pedestal somewhere. I get to know my kids and get really close to them – it's a hard time when they leave."



## Baseball Salukis End Season On Low Note

A disappointing performance at the end of the season prevented the Saluki baseball team from enjoying a stellar year. With just two weeks left in the regular season, Southern sat a half-game out of first place in the Valley standings – and a game up on the loss side. The Dawgs, however, were swept at home by eventual league champion University of Evansville and went on to lose seven of their last eight games to finish the 2006 season at 33-25. They finished fifth in the league and lost two straight in the Valley Tournament.

“The Evansville series epitomized how the last three weeks of our season played out,” says head coach *Dan Callahan*. “There was much uncertainty as to which team was going to show up

to the ballpark down the stretch – we certainly picked a bad time to go down in flames.”

There were some bright spots, however, as freshman *Scott Elmendorf* paced the team in hitting (.353), while *Grant Gerrard* (.344, 55 RBI, 15 SB) and *Kevin Koski* (.300, 13 SB) also were among the league leaders. On the mound, *Dusty Baker* and *Jordan Powell* led the team with six wins each (Baker also had six saves), while *Tyler Norrick* and *Adam Snyder* added five wins each.

Norrick and Gerrard, both draft picks in 2005 who returned for their senior season, improved their draft status considerably in June. After being chosen in the 17th-round by Toronto

last year, Norrick went to the St. Louis Cardinals in the sixth round (196th pick overall) in 2006. Gerrard (16th, Seattle), who went a round earlier than Norrick a year ago, was then selected in the seventh round by the Texas Rangers (208th pick overall).

“I’m really excited about the opportunity the Cardinals have given me,” Norrick says. “My four years at SIU were probably some of the best of my life and took my game to the next level.”

Gerrard, the club’s only first-team Valley recipient this season, says he was hoping to be drafted as high as he was. “I was told I had a good chance of being drafted anywhere between the fifth and 10th rounds, so it was great that it happened when it did.”



## Lambert Salukis Have Reunion

Players, coaches, and support staff who were at Southern during the Paul Lambert years of Saluki Basketball recently held a reunion in Carbondale. Those attending were, top row from left: Mike Hessick, Stan Powles, Steve Wilson, Mack Turner, Mel Hughlett, Joe C. Meriweather, Dan Kieszkowski, Charles Moore, Dave Monfort, Alvin Hendricks, and Felton Chinn. Middle row: Coach Max Brownlee, Mike Glenn, Billy Perkins, Greg Starrick, Barry Smith, Pete Kaha, Perry Hines, Tom Harris, John Marker, Kenny Sund, Don Portugal, Mark Stephenson, and Tim Ricci. Front row: Lloyd Haimes, Tony Gualdoni, Mark Sharf, John Garrett, Coach George Iubelt, Coach Herman Williams, Carol Lambert Spence, Coach Paul Henry, Larry Mayol, Dan Orman, Robert Siegworth, and Mike McCormick. Lambert coached SIU from 1970-78, boasting a record of 126-84. His 1976-77 team made it to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament and produced a 22-7 record.



# Barbecue And Basketball

*Perry Hines, who played basketball at Southern in the mid-1970s, continues to serve up tasty treats for BBQ aficionados.*

by Paul Povse

Perry "P.T." Hines has fashioned a respectable life for himself: two college degrees, three sons, and a wife of 22 years, a small business with a steady following, and an active role in his church. But when he recounts his personal history, a faint theme of regret and paths not taken peeks through.

Perhaps not unlike anyone who has lived 54 years, he has adapted and matured along the way.

"I know I could get a restaurant," Hines says while sitting outside his walk-up barbecue stand on Taylor Avenue in Springfield, Ill. "But I wouldn't have this, a place where I can work outside, stay outdoors. One guy offered me a chance—he'd put up the money, but I decided not to. I wish I had."

This is where barbecue and basketball—the twin pillars of Hines' life—converge.

"It would have been a big restaurant," he reflects, "but all I could think about was will it go or will it not? It's like that last jump shot. You have to take it; you can't think about it."

So Hines, formerly owner of—and now "consultant" to—P.T.'s Bar-B-Q, dug in roots right on the spot where he first set up shop beneath a tent 10 years ago. Here he now cooks his trademark pulled pork, barbecued chicken, ribs, rib tips, etc., generally spritzed with his sweetly robust sauce.

These days, Hines is on the job about three days a week, allowing nephew Lavell Johnson, 39, and oldest son Perry Jr., 21, to run the business out of the green and white stand, which retains some vestiges of a former life as a Sno-ball Express. (Every once in a while, he says, smiling, somebody comes up and asks for a Sno-ball.)

Hines lives in Decatur with his wife, Dorothy, a special education teacher at Decatur Eisenhower High School, and together they raise sons Spencer, 9, and Harrison, 8. He is involved in the First Church of God in Christ. And still, after all these years, there is that muse whose name is basketball.

"It's been my whole life, just about," says Hines, who plays two to three times a week at the Decatur YMCA. "I played yesterday. Can't you see how I'm walking?" He points to creaky knees.

## Still A Love For The Game

The only son of Navy man Booker T. Hines and his wife, Esther, Perry and his two sisters moved from Oakland to San Diego and finally back to Decatur, where he shot baskets by himself, hours on end, in a schoolyard or the back yard. "I'd play outside in the winter, cut the fingers off one glove to keep playing in the cold. I'd put the other glove on the register to keep it warm."

What hooked young Hines on basketball was the excitement of it, to hear the ball going into the chain net. "I made up other players in my mind to play against, like Walt Frazier," he says.

Timely that he should mention Frazier, because Hines, after two years at Lake Land College in Mattoon, landed at the NBA Hall of Famer's alma mater, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, in the mid-1970s.

To this day, Hines ranks 12th all-time among Salukis in percentage of free throws made (82 of 102). Here again, a wisp of regret slips into his conversation. "I should have been up higher," he says pointing to the list of free throw marksmen in the record book. "I didn't shoot enough of them."

"I was a flashy player. A lot of times I did too much fancy stuff and was ahead of my time. I had a fade-away jumper,

but they'd stop practice and have me go straight up. I did a lot of no-look passes, which was a no-no—not that they were bad passes."

In 1975, his senior year, Southern competed in the National Invitation Tournament in New York. But again . . .

"We'd have won more games if I had been the kind of player they wanted me to be, as opposed to the kind I *wanted* to be," he says.

Hines returned to Carbondale recently to attend a reunion of players who were coached by Paul Lambert. Speaking of his late coach, the former Saluki now realizes "what Coach Lambert was trying to instill in me and what he did instill in me after I got out—when I coached at Eisenhower—really helped as I matured. It was the fundamentals of the game and how to run the offense. It was too bad I didn't learn that until after I left."

One other pang lingers in regard to playing in the NIT and losing to Pittsburgh.

"The only thing that stopped us (from making the NCAA field) was that the NCAA tournament took in only 32 teams as opposed to 64 today. We'd beaten Michigan by 20 points, but had been in New York for a week and lost our focus. We played in those Converse All-Stars, and I wore (only) one pair of socks. At halftime, I had blisters on my feet."

Hines finished one semester short of graduating from SIU, later earning his bachelor's degree in children/family/counseling at Sangamon State University. He earned a master's degree in special education from Illinois State University in 1995.

He has coached freshman and sophomore basketball at Eisenhower and worked with kids with behavior disorders. Someday, he says, he'd like to coach his son, Spencer, whom he calls "my shooter."



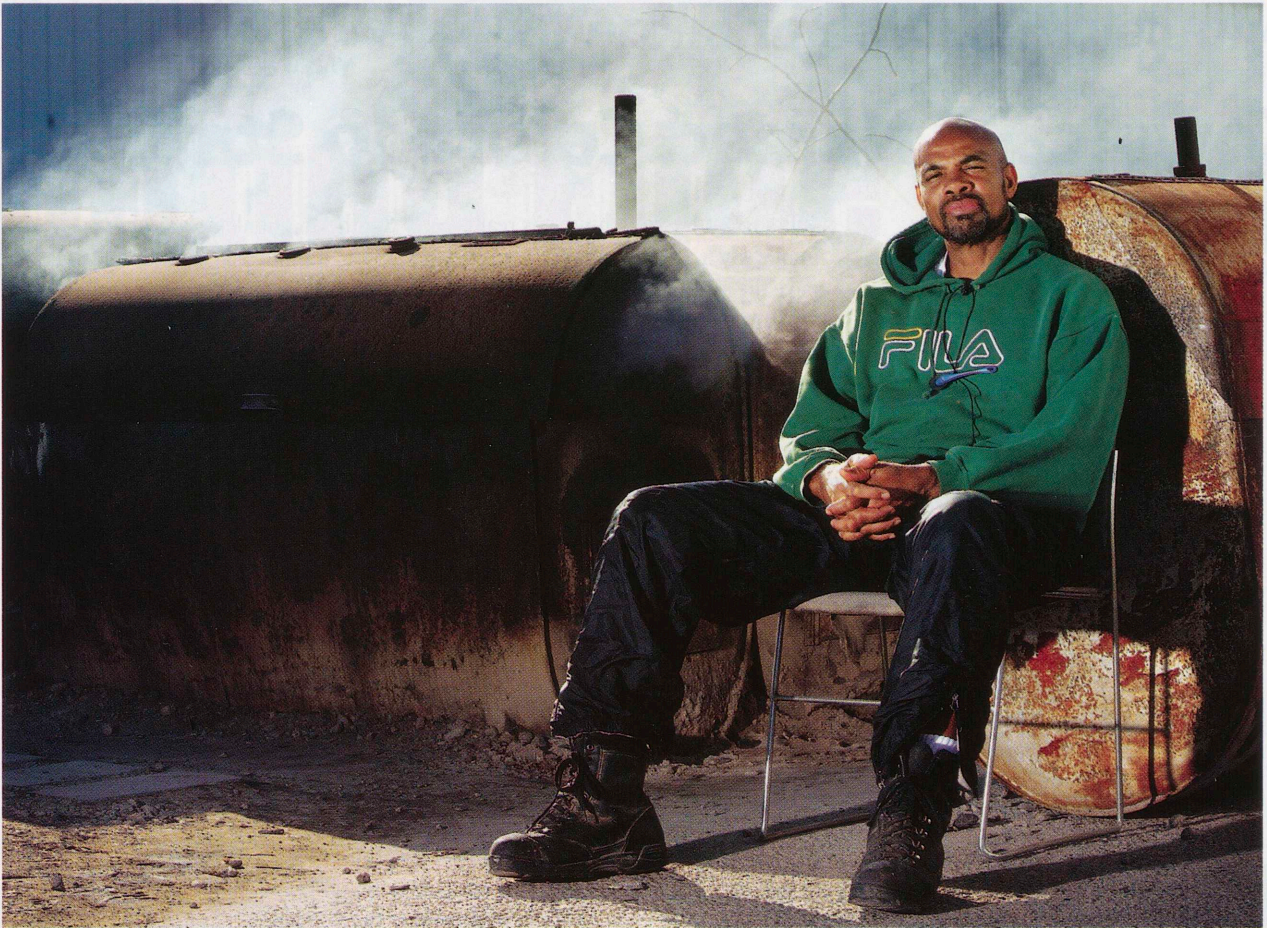


photo by Jeff Thompson

Perry Hines sits in front of the huge roasters used to cook ribs, chicken, and pork that are later embellished with his special sauce.

## ***The Road To BBQ***

Hines initially took over his father's barbecue business primarily because that's what Dad wanted. They ran BT & PT's Seafood Palace ("we had things like frog legs") in Decatur until 1990. When a friend asked Hines to sell barbecue under a tent as part of the opening of a new car lot in Springfield in late '95, he ended up staying put on Taylor Avenue.

His late father taught him the art of barbecuing, which he continues step by step, the same way he was taught. "There is no quick way," he says. "You take your time and can't rush it. It takes three hours to cook a rib."

Approximately 100 pounds of ribs and chicken are delivered daily – sometimes twice a day, to P.T.'s. He cooks in four hulking roasters ("the key is hickory wood under the charcoal") as the meat simmers and gets tossed and basted all day long.

Just before the ribs, chicken, or pork are handed to the customer, Hines unleashes the coup de grace: his sauce that he plans to market in Springfield and Decatur stores sometime this year. The secret sauce uses fruit juices as a main ingredient.

"You *don't* put the sauce on while cooking," Hines says firmly.

## ***Coming Back To Southern***

Hines and many teammates from Lambert's coaching era, including former NBA players Mike Glenn and Joe C. Meriweather, enjoyed the reunion in January. It was his first trip back to Southern in almost 30 years, although he has contributed to its basketball program.

While at the banquet in Carbondale, Hines was able to smile and enjoy countless old clippings and media guides that adorned tables at the event. He gazed at

the images of himself, a small forward (a mere 6-2) shown in his maroon and white No. 24 Salukis uniform.

The reunion was rich in stories about who was quick and who among them could lift the weights used by today's players. "I might not have been the brightest star among the Salukis, but I had the biggest 'Afro,'" he says with a smile.

Before leaving for the reunion weekend, Hines had mused that he might be one of the few former players attending who would not be drinking. "God has worked some miracles in my life," he explains. "God entered my life, and it changed me. I don't even go out to the clubs."

The only sauce Hines has tasted in the last 10 years is the one he now applies to his food. ■

—Povse '70 is a columnist for the *State Journal-Register*.



# Kowalczyk Named Colorado State AD

**P**aul Kowalczyk, who guided the resurgence of Saluki Athletics during the past six years, was recently named director of athletics at Colorado State. He replaces Mark Driscoll, who resigned to return to the banking business.

Before arriving in Carbondale, Kowalczyk was an associate athletics director at Northwestern and worked at Kansas State, Portland State, Youngstown State, and Kent State. The 48-year-old Ohio native leaves behind a legacy of accomplishment at Southern.

"Paul is a man of integrity and tremendous character, and he breeds that character into the programs and the student-athletes," SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler says. "He moved SIUC's programs ahead on all fronts."

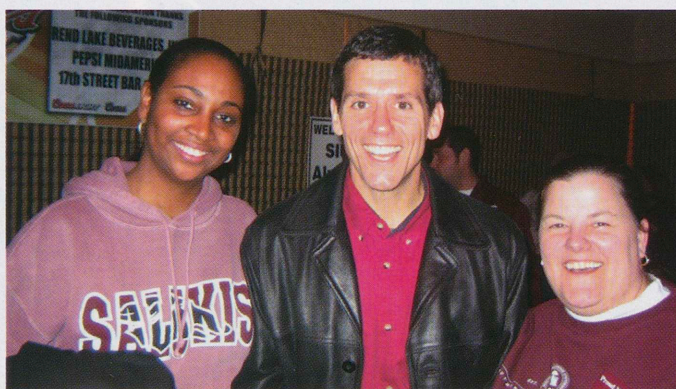
Kowalczyk took the reigns at Southern in 2000, facing a host of challenges, including a budget crisis, underperforming revenue sports, and deteriorating facilities. It didn't take him long to change the culture in Lingle Hall. Winning teams, facility improvements, and financial stability became hallmarks of the Kowalczyk era, which officially ended on May 5, his last day on the job.

He oversaw a remarkable turnaround in both the men's basketball and football programs. The men's basketball program is one of only 16 in the nation to advance to the NCAA Tournament each of the last five seasons. Kowalczyk hired two of the most successful basketball coaches in school history – Matt Painter and current head coach Chris Lowery.

"Paul came into our program and made it something special," Lowery says. "He did that with his work ethic and his

ability to do the right thing. It is really unique when a person always seems to make the right decisions."

A once struggling Saluki football team has now captured three straight Gateway Conference championships and made three straight NCAA-1AA Playoff appearances. In 2005, the Salukis won their first



Kowalczyk visits with Tina Collins (Director of Records and Registration) and Katie Sermersheim (Director of Student Development) at the Association's MVC Basketball Tournament hospitality suite.

playoff game since 1983. Kowalczyk laid the groundwork for that success in 2001 when he hired the relatively unknown Jerry Kill, who rebuilt the program into a national powerhouse and won national coach-of-the-year honors in 2004.

"Paul has set his legacy here and done a fantastic job of getting us where we need to be," Kill says, "and it's our job to take it one step further. If we don't, then he will be disappointed. In my opinion, he will also be remembered for hiring good people."

Part of the whole process was raising funds, and Kowalczyk recognized the need for a fund-raising mechanism to defray scholarship costs. Thus, the new Saluki Athletic Scholarship Fund was born in 2003. The SASF has been a huge success, already topping \$500,000 annually in scholarship money.

Facility improvements were another highlight of Kowalczyk's time at

Southern. Thanks to a generous gift from alumnus Pete Wittmann, a new \$3.4 million academic and training center opened on Oct. 1, 2005. Softball's Charlotte West Stadium opened in the spring of 2003 and has already hosted one Missouri Valley Conference championship. "Saluki Way" is slated to

include funding for a new football stadium and a renovation of the 42-year-old SIU Arena.

While Kowalczyk and his wife, Peg, are excited about the new challenges, the job change was not an easy decision.

"It's been an amazing run, fulfilling personally and professionally," Kowalczyk says. "The worst part about leaving here is certainly all the people within the depart-

ment and the Saluki fans. What we've built, I think, is pretty special, and I certainly want to see that continue. I don't want this to be the golden age of Saluki Athletics. I want this to be a *beginning* of sorts.

"I think the biggest challenge at Southern was changing the culture. It was very negative when I walked in and nobody felt Saluki Athletics would get back up on its legs and be successful."

But success certainly followed, and Kowalczyk takes pride that he is leaving the position much better than he found it.

"When some of the 'Saluki Way' projects are completed, I'll be back here for the ribbon-cutting," he says with a smile. "I'll take great pride in seeing those dreams realized for the SIU campus."

At press time, Associate Athletics Director Kathy Jones is serving as interim AD until the new director arrives. Wendler hopes to name a new AD this summer. ■



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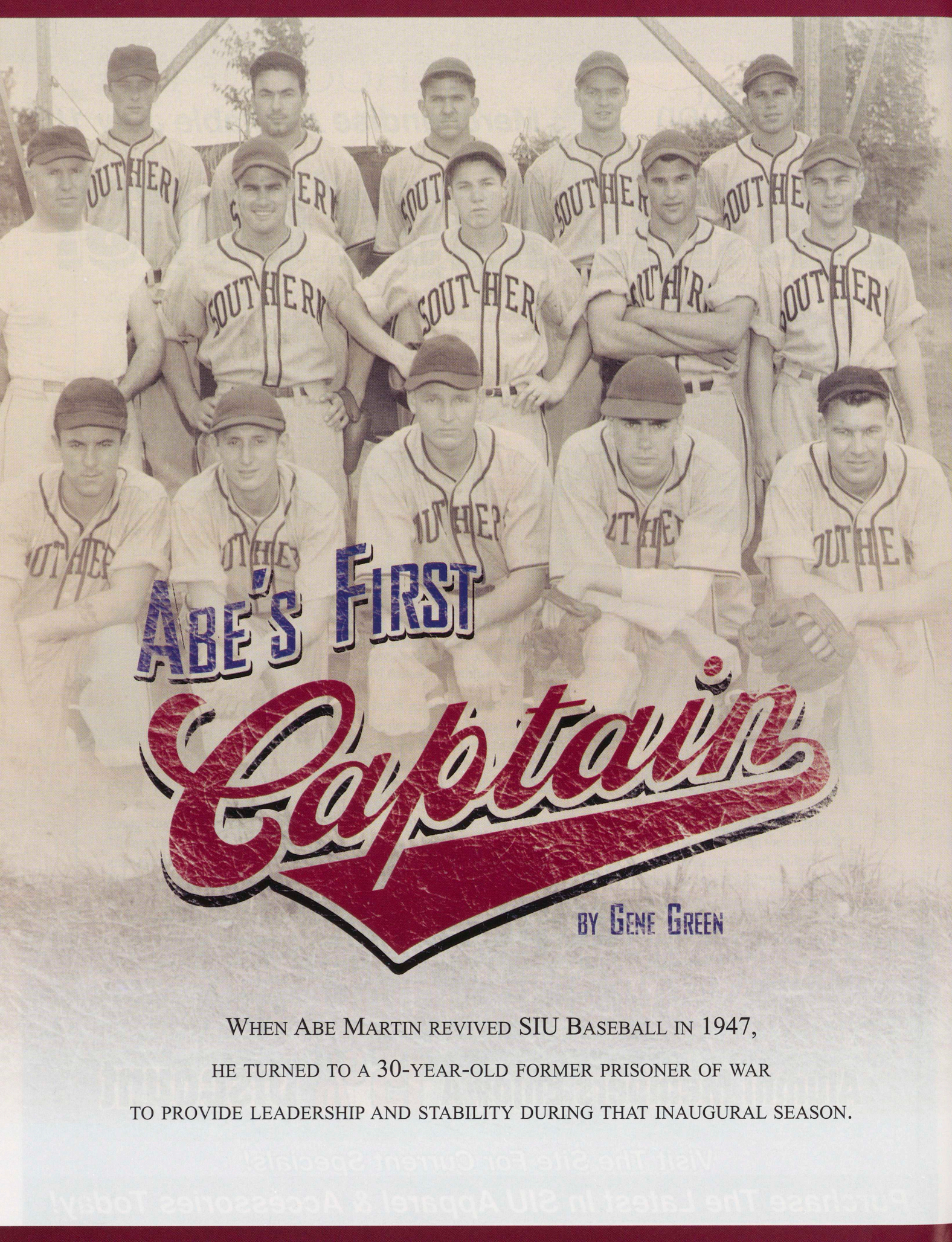
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## ABE'S FIRST

# Captain

BY GENE GREEN

WHEN ABE MARTIN REVIVED SIU BASEBALL IN 1947,  
HE TURNED TO A 30-YEAR-OLD FORMER PRISONER OF WAR  
TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND STABILITY DURING THAT INAUGURAL SEASON.



Benny Dunn, back row middle, is proud that he served as Abe Martin's first captain. Members of the 1947 SIU baseball team were, front row from left: Fred Brenzel, Bernard Heiligenstein, Jim Smith, Harry Grater, and Gordon Henrichs. Second row: Coach Abe Martin, Bill O'Brien, Scotty Marlen, George Sawyer, and Leon Sitter. Third row: Charles Durham, Lou Vecili, Dunn, Roger Spear, and Bob Herrell.

**I**n 1935, Benjamin "Benny" Dunn strolled onto the campus at Southern Illinois University like many other wide-eyed freshmen. Growing up in nearby Gorham, Ill., the 18-year-old aspired to play baseball, receive an education, and become a teacher.

Dunn would eventually accomplish all three objectives, but the road to those goals proved anything but straight. The arrival of

World War II – punctuated by years held as a prisoner of war in south-east Asia – would delay his college degree for more than a decade.

When Dunn first came to Southern, he brought with him a passion for baseball. As was the case during that era, coal mines and most small communities in southern Illinois had competitive baseball teams—Gorham usually had one of the best. The new student knew, however, that the University had dropped the sport in 1924 and that any baseball during his college days would consist of action with the rural squads.

After two years studying history at Southern, Dunn decided to leave school and teach the subject to earn some extra money. "You could get a teaching certificate back in those days after only two years of school, so that is what I did," he says. "I wasn't making much, but that was OK at the time. I was teaching, coaching, and playing some baseball—not a bad life for a kid in his early 20s—but then the war came along."

Dunn, who would serve his country in the Army as part of a field artillery unit in Southeast Asia, was captured in March 1942 and remained a POW until he was liberated in August 1945. (See accompanying story.) After surviving that horrendous experience, he returned to the states and immediately decided to resume his college education.

Eleven years after he first enrolled at Southern, Dunn was walking the campus again as a 29-year-old junior. "I wanted to play baseball so bad I could hardly stand it," Dunn recalls. "But of course I recalled that SIU didn't sponsor the sport, so I figured I'd have to play for some town team again."

Glenn "Abe" Martin was about to change all of that, and Dunn would be a key part of the process.

**Dunn still enjoys watching baseball, whether on television at his home in Murphysboro, or attending Saluki games in person.**

## THE RETURN OF SIU BASEBALL

Martin, although now synonymous with Saluki Baseball, was coaching football and basketball at the time. He surprised many at the

University when he announced plans in 1946 to soon give up his basketball duties and bring back baseball after a 22-year hiatus.

"Reviving baseball at Southern was something I really wanted to do," a 90-year-old Martin said during an interview in 1996 a year before his death. "It was really my favorite sport. I played with an independent team in Fairfield from the time I was 14, and I loved the game."

Martin said it was not difficult getting

baseball started again, as "we had *so many* young men that had just returned from the service who wanted to play."

None more than a well-traveled catcher from Gorham.

"I was thrilled when I heard we were going to field a college team that first year I was back," Dunn says, "but suddenly something happened that put all of that on hold for a bit. During pre-season drills in 1946, Abe was hitting infield during practice and popped a ball up between home and first base. For some reason, he raced down the line trying to catch the ball himself and slammed into our first baseman."

Their new coach was hurt, sidelined with a shattered jaw and broken nose. A stay in the hospital followed, and the inaugural season was in temporary limbo. With its leader on the disabled list, the Abe Martin Era of SIU Baseball would have to wait.

When it finally began in 1947, Martin asked his 30-year-old senior catcher to serve as his very first team captain.

"That was an honor," the gregarious 89-year-old Dunn says with a wide grin. "I had taken a course in baseball under Abe in 1946, and he had been impressed with my knowledge of the game and the reports that I had turned into him—in fact, he used some of that material in his coaching for a few years."

"I may have taken a long road to get to that point, but to be Abe Martin's first captain was something I always took great pride in. He was a wonderful man who helped out more young people than we'll ever know about—he would do anything for you."

Due to inclement weather and no home field of their own (home games were played at Murphysboro's Riverside Park), the Maroons' return to collegiate baseball produced only nine games





Dunn chats with Saluki head coach Dan Callahan at an SIU Alumni Association event at Abe Martin Field.

that first season. With SIU Hall of Famer Bill O'Brien earning team MVP honors, the squad fashioned a 3-6 record, recording wins over Evansville, Eastern Illinois, and Arkansas State. "We also played and competed well in exhibition games against several minor league teams in the area," Dunn says. "It was great fun, even if I did just get to play college ball that one year."

As soon as the foundation for SIU Baseball was firmly set in place, Dunn saw a diploma in his hand and sensed an urgency to "get on with the rest of my life."

### RETURNING TO HIS ROOTS

Following his graduation at Southern, Dunn returned to Gorham to teach American history and coach baseball and basketball. As was the case when he was growing up there, the small community continued to produce outstanding baseball talent.

"We had several players come out of the area who played professional baseball," Dunn recalls. "There were plenty of fine athletes, but one stood out above the rest—Gary Geiger."

Geiger, from nearby Sand Ridge, was a standout player for Dunn's high school teams in the early 1950s. Drafted in 1954

by the St. Louis Cardinals, Geiger fashioned a 12-year career in the Major Leagues with his proud high school coach following his every step.

"I saw him play in the big leagues at various places around the country," Dunn says with a smile. "He had come a long way from those days in Gorham

where I used to give

him a ride home each day after practice. I even had to talk him out of quitting high school once, but it sure made us all proud once he got to the Majors."

Although he enjoyed his teaching and coaching duties, Dunn realized he could accomplish more with additional education. He returned to Southern, earned a Master's degree in educational administration in 1953 and became Superintendent of Schools in Gorham. The career educator followed with stints as a superintendent in the Illinois school districts at Newman and Anna, before retiring to his present home in Murphysboro years ago.

He and his late wife, Johanna, raised two sons who graduated from Eastern

Illinois University when the family resided in nearby Newman. When retirement beckoned, however, there was only one place the SIU Alumni Association member wanted to be.

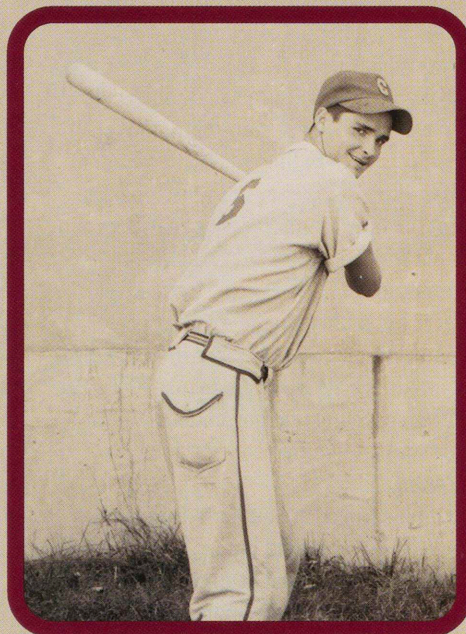
"Coming back to this area was certainly like coming home to me, and it just made a lot of sense to retire here," Dunn explains. "For instance, when I have something wrong or need blood work done, I go to the V.A. Hospital in Marion. I often ask the nurses and others there what their background is, and usually they have ties to SIU. That always makes me proud to see people who attended the University who are in the work force doing good things."

Dunn, who was a competitive swimmer in the Senior Olympics until he was in his mid-80s, is also proud he can still attend a few events in Carbondale. "I don't get out much," Dunn says, "but I do go to some Saluki baseball games, alumni events, and an occasional basketball game. I've had three hip joint replacements that have slowed me down a bit, but I guess I do pretty well for being almost 90 years old."

A nine-decade journey has taken

Dunn from Gorham to SIU to the jungles of Burma and back, a winding road that eventually returned him to his roots.

"You can travel all over the world—which I have—but you should never really lose sight of where you came from," he says with a smile. "I guess I could have ended up in a number of places, but being right here in southern Illinois is where I want to be."



Gary Geiger, a 12-year Major League Baseball veteran, was the best player Dunn ever coached at Gorham.



# The Railway Of Death

*I*n March 1942, Benny Dunn's life changed forever.

While serving in the Army as part of a field artillery unit during World War II, Dunn was captured by the Japanese on the island of Java and held as a prisoner of war. For more than three years he would endure hardships—and find inner strength—he never knew existed.

"We were moved around to various prison camps," Dunn still clearly recalls. "First I was in Thailand, and then was sent to Burma. That is when things became the worst."

That is when the railroad work began.

Desiring to create a more convenient route from Burma to Thailand for moving troops and raw materials, the Japanese began construction of two railway lines. The railway would lessen Japan's reliance on sea transport as the only means of supplying Burma once the country was under their control by June 1942. Shipping on the long sea voyage around Singapore was prone to submarine attack once the allies were fully operational around India.

Sixty-one thousand Allied prisoners-of-war and over 200,000 Asian natives were forced to build the Burma-Thai Railway, stretching 250 miles between mountains, rivers, and through jungles. More than half would die before the task was completed, leading most to refer to the project as the "Death Railway." This would be Dunn's life for countless days ahead, as he would eventually have a hand in constructing 57 miles of that infamous stretch of rails.

"The Death Railway was constructed without any machines—period," Dunn points out. "It was all done with slave labor and hand tools. Conditions were horrible, and if you got real sick and could no longer work, you were often left for dead. The temperature was nearly 100 degrees each day, the monsoon season made it difficult to work, and the treatment was deplorable. It seems like the Japanese always had us walking—some days we walked more than 30 miles."

And when Dunn survived a day's labor, he was rewarded by a return to the POW camp at night to forage for food, boil some drinking water, and remove the rats and scorpions from his tent before he went to sleep. When he was awakened before daybreak, it would all begin again like a bad dream.

Dunn was one of the fortunate ones who survived the ordeal, but that resilience was tempered by physical and mental trauma. He weighed less than 100 pounds at one point after contracting malaria and amoebic dysentery near the end of his stint on the railroad.

"When I got sick, they sent me to another prison camp 12 miles away. I was there to either get strong enough to work again or die—my captors really didn't care which. Slowly I was able to get my strength back, going through garbage each day left by the Japanese to find some food. I also had a Dutch doctor show me what plants in the jungle could be consumed and which were poisonous."

Through it all, Dunn found a way to keep hope alive.

"I soon realized that the *only* way to survive was to become part of a clan," he says. "There was a small group of guys I became close to,

and we looked out for one another and kept each other sane. If you didn't have people pushing you to survive, it was easy to give up.

"You *can* just shut down and die if you quit caring—most people don't like to think about that as an option. Many POWs died due to physical ailments, but plenty also passed away because they just simply gave up."

When the railroad was completed, Dunn was sent to a prison camp at the infamous River Kwai and held there until his unit was liberated in August 1945. He was soon taken to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and he began to transcribe volumes of notes from his bed.

"The Japanese would not let us write anything down, but as soon as I was liberated, I started making detailed notes of what happened," Dunn recalls. "It was all etched indelibly in my mind."

For years the notes lay dormant, but when Dunn retired three decades ago, he decided to write a book about his experiences. The result was *The Bamboo Express*, published in 1979 by Chicago's Adams Press. Perhaps part therapeutic, the publication also serves as a historical bequest from the two-degree SIU alumnus.

"I thought people needed to know what really happened over there," he says. "We should take real pride in the sacrifices made by this country and its Allies."

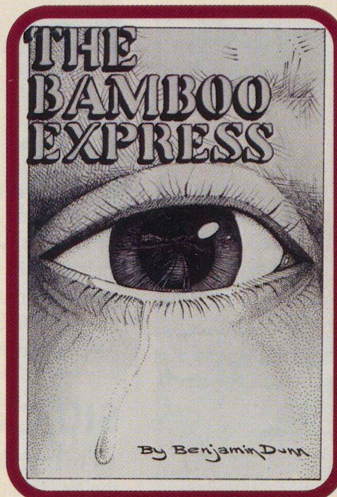
Dunn continues to do his part in keeping the memory of those heroes alive. He has long met with a group of POWs at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Marion who gather with a counselor each

month to discuss what is on their minds.

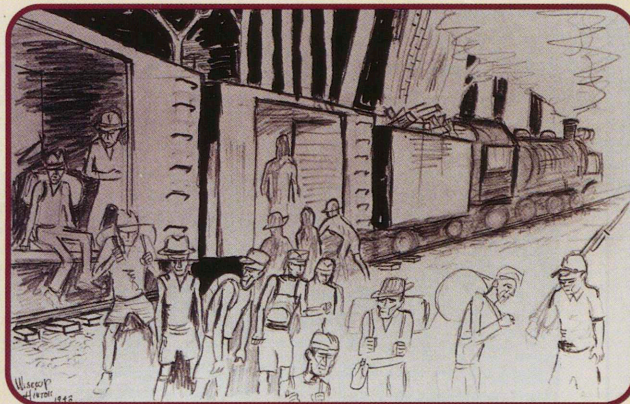
"It's a small group now—only four or five of us are left," he says.

"But it is important to me to be there each month and just talk with them. We all share something pretty special."

—Gene Green



Dunn's book, *The Bamboo Express*, recounts his experiences in Southeast Asia.



This scene of the Death Railway was drawn by John Wisecup, one of Dunn's fellow POWs in Burma.



## Greater Michigan Dinner Party

The Greater Michigan Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted their annual dinner party in February at Dave & Busters Restaurant, in Utica, Mich. Fifty-two alumni enjoyed dinner and watched Salukis play Louisiana-Lafayette in the ESPN Bracket Buster game that evening.

University representatives in attendance were Paul Sarvela, dean of the College of Applied Science & Arts; Jack Greer, chair of the Automotive Technology department; Mike Behrmann, associate professor in Automotive Technology, and Michael Ellis, constituent development officer for Southern's College of Applied Science & Arts.

## Union County Alumni Dinner With Coach Kill

One hundred alumni and guests attended a dinner honoring Saluki Head Football Coach Jerry Kill and his graduating seniors in March at Great Boars of Fire Restaurant in Cobden.



Alumni, friends and Saluki fans from Jackson, Johnson, and Williamson Counties in southern Illinois showed up to pay tribute to Coach Kill and his seniors. One of those seniors, Philip Doyle, is shown at left with Bob Fombelle of Great Boars of Fire.

George Welborn, President of the Union County Alumni Chapter, and Ed Buerger, Executive Director of the SIU Alumni Association, encouraged attendees to take an active role in support of the University's long range plans. Coach Kill introduced his seniors in attendance and spoke about his passion for Southern.

## Broadway 'Wicked' In Chicago

Eighty alumni and guests enjoyed attending a sold-out production of "Wicked" in April at the Oriental Theatre in Chicago. Everyone enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and dessert prior to the show. A good time was had by all who witnessed an entertaining performance and mingled with fellow alumni in a social setting.

## SIU Alumni Member Night With The Symphony

One hundred seventy-one alumni members enjoyed SIU Alumni Member Night with the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra in February. Alumni members began the evening by attending a pre-concert dinner in the Old Main Room of the SIU Student Center and later watched a performance of "Broadway Pops" at Shryock Auditorium.



They were welcomed by Doris Rottschalk, President-Elect of the SIU Alumni Association, who expressed the importance of supporting cultural events on campus. Fellow national board members attending the event were Steve Falat and Dede Ittner. Ed Benyas, conductor for

the symphony, and his wife Kara, also visited with guests during dinner.

University dignitaries who joined alumni members for dinner included SIU President Glenn Poshard; Vice Chancellor Larry Dietz, and former SIUC Chancellor John Guyon. Student Alumni Council members Rebecca Chocoua, Oksana Parylo, and Lena Stange joined Association staff in greeting and mingling with guests.

## SIU Class Ring Ceremony

The SIU Alumni Association and Student Alumni Council hosted the fourth SIU Class Ring Presentation Ceremony on April 7 in Ballroom B of the SIU Student Center. SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler addressed the recipients and their families, and presented



Anitra Dorsey receives her class ring from SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler.

class rings to 30 students and alumni.

Sheri Hunter, President of the SIU Alumni Association, served as emcee of the program. Anna Gorges, president of the Student Alumni Council, provided a student's perspective on the significance of the ring to undergraduates and alumni.

## Two Alumni Join Board of Directors

Arthur Aikman Ph.D '65 and Barry Smith '80 were recently elected to the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors. Aikman, a Carbondale resident, and Smith, a Decatur resident, will serve four-year terms.

A life member of the SIU Alumni Association, Aikman is an annuitant representative of the SURS Board of Trustees. He has more than 40 years of service in education, having served as a professor emeritus in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at Southern. Prior to joining the faculty here, Aikman was a teacher, principal, and superintendent in the Illinois public schools of Loda, Onarga, Cissna Park, and East Lynn.

A World War II and Korean War Veteran, Aikman received the Lindall W. Sturgis Award in 1988, the only honor presented by SIU's Board of Trustees. He served as a committee member of *Southern at 150* in 2002-03, which developed the University's long-range plans for achievement of excellence through the year 2019.

Aikman, and his wife Sammie, are longtime participants in alumni events. Their sons, Robert and William, are also SIU graduates.

Smith, also a life member of the Alumni Association, is a Senior Vice President for Regions Bank, heading retail banking for Illinois and Western Kentucky. He formerly served as retail area sales manager for Regions in Carbondale. He is also a former manager for Kroger West.

A four-year basketball letterman at Southern, Smith's wife Amy, is also a 1980 graduate of the University. She was a member of the Marching Salukis.

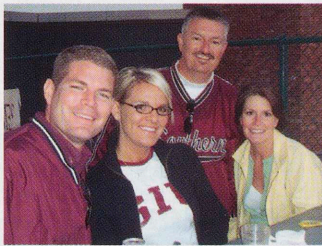


## Three SACers Honored With SIU Class Rings

Three members of the Student Alumni Council (SAC), the student chapter of the SIU Alumni Association, were presented with the Official SIU Class Ring. This year's honorees were Anna Gorges, a senior from Bloomington, majoring in Zoology and Food & Nutrition; and Georgeta and Flaviu Hodis, who are both doctoral students from Romania. Georgeta earned a master's in applied linguistics from the University in 2004, and Flaviu received his master's in mathematics in 2003.

The rings were presented during the SIU Alumni Association's national board of directors meeting on April 29. Each SACer was cited for their many hours of service in support of the Association, and University and Carbondale communities. Their participation ranges from assisting in hosting alumni member appreciation events on campus, to co-hosting programs with SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler, and participating in community clean-up projects. They also coordinate programs to honor their peers on campus.

## Saluki Baseball In St. Louis



Ninety alumni and friends attended a pre-game social prior to the Saluki baseball game against St. Louis University at GCS Ballpark in Sauget. On a cool and windy day, teams used wooden bats (as opposed to the customary aluminum bats),

Southern defeated St. Louis to send SIU fans home happy.

## Alumni Member Baseball Game

One hundred twenty-five SIU alumni members attended a pre-game tailgate in April at Abe Martin Field. The group enjoyed lunch prior to Southern's game against Creighton. Saluki Head Baseball Coach Dan Callahan visited with members in the Association tailgate tent.

After lunch, alumni members watched their team lose a hard-fought 2-1 game to the Bluejays. However, the Dawgs did rebound the next day to beat Creighton, thus winning two of three games from their nationally ranked conference rivals.

## Alumni Member Softball Game

One hundred SIU alumni members gathered for a pre-game tailgate in April at Charlotte West Stadium - Rochman Field on campus.



The group enjoyed lunch prior to Southern's game against Creighton. Saluki Head Softball Coach Kerri Blaylock visited with members in the Association tailgate tent. After lunch, alumni members watched the Salukis split a doubleheader against the Bluejays.

## Banquet Honors Student Alumni Council Members

Student Alumni Council (SAC), the student chapter of the Southern Illinois University Alumni Association, honored six students for outstanding service to the organization.



From left, SACers Brandon Coleman, Anna Gorges, and Danielle Lee.

SAC is a service-oriented organization that participates in programs enhancing the University and Carbondale communities. Members received the following awards during the organization's annual spring banquet:

**Brandon Coleman** – *Outstanding SACer of the Year*  
Coleman, a sophomore majoring in cinema, received this honor for earning the highest

number of points. Members earn points for their hours of service to the Alumni Association, and Carbondale and University communities.

**Brock Navarro** – *Most Social SACer*

Navarro, a sophomore in interior design, was recognized for making all members feel welcome during meetings and programs. He also plans social activities for the group.

**Danielle Lee** – *Most Dependable*

Lee, a senior in zoology, was honored for never-ending support to fellow SACers and the organization's advisor.

**Taheera Randolph** – *Most Entertaining, Most Motivated, and Service to Community Award*

Randolph, a junior in integrated marketing communications/advertising, was cited for exhibiting a positive attitude and motivating her fellow SAC members. She also received recognition for the substantial number of hours she contributed to the Carbondale community.

**Timasha Udugama** – *Most Outstanding Student Leader, Most Outstanding Officer, and Most Valuable SACer*

Udugama, a sophomore in physiology, was honored for serving as a strong ambassador for SAC and fostering its growth. His dependability and involvement in myriad activities were also cited.

**Oksana Parylo** – *Service to SIU Alumni Association and SIU Award and Outstanding Newbie Award*

Parylo, a graduate student in education management, was honored for vesting the most amount of service to campus entities, including New Student Programs, SIU Alumni Association, Saluki Athletics, Special Events and Projects, Student Recreation Center, Student Affairs, and University Career Services. Parylo, a first-year member, was honored as the organization's top new SACer. She will serve as SAC president during the 2006-07 academic year.

## Williamson County Chapter Revitalization

Association Director Argus Tong met with SIUC alumna Kari Sanders '93 in May to discuss plans to revitalize the Williamson County Alumni Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association.

Efforts are focused on planning the Williamson County Awards Banquet in the fall to recognize high school scholarship recipients. The scholarships are funded by contributions from Williamson County alumni and friends. They are awarded to deserving seniors who will be attending Southern Illinois University.

To participate in the chapter or more information about the scholarships, please contact Argus Tong at or (618) 453-2408.



## Nominations Sought For Service To Southern Award

Nominations are being accepted for the Service to Southern Illinois Award. Nominees should be individuals who have provided outstanding service in the southern Illinois community. The application deadline is September 1.

Applications are available online at: <http://www.siualumni.com/programs.htm>. The recipient will be honored along with Jackson County scholarship recipients at the Jackson County Alumni Chapter's Awards Banquet in November. For more information, contact Kitty Mabus, Jackson County Chapter president, at [mabus@siu.edu](mailto:mabus@siu.edu), or the SIU Alumni Association at (618) 453-2408.

## 'Under the Stars' Night At The MUNY

SIU alumni, family, and friends will have a night out at the MUNY in St. Louis—America's largest and oldest outdoor musical theatre—on Saturday, July 15.

Activities begin with a backstage tour at 6:15 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m., at the Culver Pavilion. A performance of *The Wizard of Oz* begins at 8:15 p.m. This information has been listed online at [www.siualumni.com](http://www.siualumni.com), so please call (618) 453-2408 as soon as possible to see if space is still available.

## Greater Michigan Alumni Picnic

The Greater Michigan Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association will be hosting its 7th Annual Detroit Picnic on July 29. All alumni, friends and families are invited to attend. The picnic will be held from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. (EST) at the Kensington Metro Park Area (North Hickory Ridge, Site H) in Brighton, MI. For more information, please contact Chapter President Dale Hall at (586) 421-0595 or [mossieoak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mossieoak@sbcglobal.net).

## SIU Alumni Clubs In Atlanta and Phoenix

Efforts are ongoing to establish alumni clubs in the Atlanta and Phoenix area. Alumni chapters and clubs are essential in assisting the Association's efforts to establish an SIU presence in major metropolitan areas nationally, encourage participation in University activities, and facilitate involvement and camaraderie among all Salukis.

There are more than 2,600 alumni in the greater Atlanta and Phoenix areas. The Atlanta Club is currently led by Jim Dennis '94, [jimjdennis@yahoo.com](mailto:jimjdennis@yahoo.com), and Matt '91, JD'94, and Laine Liss '91, [lawliss@comcast.net](mailto:lawliss@comcast.net).

Dave Barger '93, [davidebarger@cox.net](mailto:davidebarger@cox.net) is initiating efforts for the Phoenix Club. To be involved or to be notified of the club activities, please contact the club representatives.

## Alumni Activities In Chicago

The SIU Alumni Association is seeking new volunteers to spearhead alumni activities in Chicagoland. There are more than 30,000 alumni in the Chicago area, and volunteers are needed to assist with the coordination of sporting, cultural, and social activities.

Please contact Argus Tong, Director of Chapter Development, at (618) 453-2408 or via e-mail at [argus@siu.edu](mailto:argus@siu.edu).

## Volunteers Needed For Du Quoin State Fair

The SIU Alumni Association is seeking volunteers to assist in hosting alumni and guests at the SIU Dome during the Du Quoin State Fair, Aug. 26 to Sept. 4. It is a good opportunity to meet and mingle with other alumni. For more information, please contact Director of Chapter Development Argus Tong at (618) 453-2408 or via e-mail at [argus@siu.edu](mailto:argus@siu.edu).

## MVC Business Breakfast

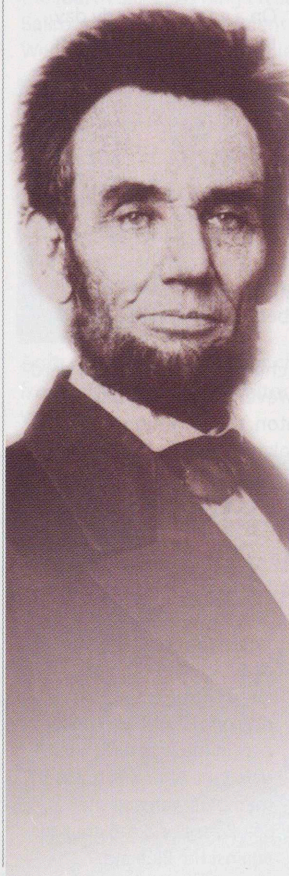
The College of Business Marketing Department and its external advisory board coordinated their annual MVC Business Breakfast on March 3. Attendees enjoyed a keynote discussion by Anheuser-Busch executives Rich Dangos, corporate promotions manager, and Marianne Radley, innovations manager.

Representing the University were Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement Dr. Rickey McCurry, and Associate Vice Chancellor Jeff Lorber. Alumni Association representatives attending were President Sheri Hunter, Executive Director Ed Buerger, and directors Greg Scott, Michelle Suarez, and Argus Tong. Jeff Jewett, secretary for the St. Louis Chapter of the Alumni Association, also attended.

## Meet SIU President Glenn Poshard At Lincoln Event

SIU President Glenn Poshard will be the special guest at a reception hosted by the SIU Alumni Association on Thursday, July 13, in Springfield.

The reception will be held at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and will include hors d'oeuvres, an evening at the museum, and an opportunity to meet President Poshard. Because of Museum capacity, attendance to this event is limited. Cost is \$35 per person. For more information please call the SIU Alumni Association at (618) 453-2408.





## GE Exec Fondly Remembers SIU

by Colin Low '85, M.B.A. '87

**M**y college days at Southern Illinois University are some of the most momentous ones in my life, especially since it was the first time I had lived outside of my home country, Singapore.

Every day was a totally new life experience. One prominent event included courting my girlfriend, then fiancé, and now wife, Evelyn Koong, who was from Carbondale. We both went through our undergraduate programs at the College of Business and Administration and continued on to complete our MBAs at Southern as well. Today, we have a son, Ethan, who resides with us in Singapore.

My time in Carbondale also provided me with a set of American parents. David and Rachel Barlett, who still live in Carbondale, were my host family. They were my best teachers of American culture, history, values, and lifestyles. We still keep in close touch with my American mom and dad!

My most memorable professors included Dr. Charles Hindersman (Vice-Chancellor, Finance), Dr. Uma Sekaran, Dr. John Schimmerhorn, Dr. William Vicars, and Dean Thomas Gutteridge. I have "elephant memories" of them and many others. Each of these professors shaped my thinking processes in fundamental areas of business as well as in my personal life.

I had considerable personal time with all my professors, especially during gradu-

ate school when I worked both as a teaching and graduate assistant. Most importantly, it was the values and beliefs that were imbued in me through these professors from my varied interaction with them. My college life from 1983 to 1987 provided me with the essential building blocks for my current career.

I elected to work on my MBA program after being awarded a scholarship by the College of Business and Administration. Dr. Hindersman provided me the opportunity to work in a finance environment as a graduate assistant in the Office of the Comptroller right on beautiful Campus Lake.

I was pretty active in graduate school, serving on the University Graduate Council as one of two student representatives being "the voice of graduate students on campus" concerning campus and academic issues.

Dean Gutteridge at one time sponsored a memorable trip for me to represent SIUC at an International Technology Symposium at Stanford University in California. These multi-faceted events at college gave me the credibility and work experience to be later selected to work as one of two international students in Governor James Thompson's Executive Office as an analyst in Springfield, Ill., the home of Abraham Lincoln.

I worked for three years in the governor's office, and it proved to be the quickest introduction for me as an international student to American politics and the challenge of



Low, wife, Evelyn, and son, Ethan, in Paris.

running the financial affairs of the State of Illinois. The job took me statewide and gave me personal perspectives to see how things were done in the big picture and then to zoom in to the detail level of business, politics, and day-to-day lives of individuals.

My time at SIU provided me with many fond memories, but more importantly, it was the foundation for my personal, family, and working life! Although I'm a Saluki far away from Carbondale, it's always close in mind and thoughts!

*(Editor's Note: In 2005 Low was appointed president of General Electric – Singapore, Philippines and Vietnam. He was formerly managing director and general manager for Southeast Asia, GE Transportation – Aircraft Engines. He joined GE Aircraft Engines in 1999 as director of marketing and sales for the South Asia Pacific Region.)*

## Alumni Calendar Of Events

### JULY

- 13 Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum Alumni Reception– 6:30 p.m. For more details, call (618) 453-2408.
- 15 SIU "Under the Stars" Night at the The MUNY. Dinner 7 p.m., *The Wizard of Oz* at 8:15 p.m. For additional information, please call SIU Alumni Association office at (618) 453-2408.
- 28 17th Annual Chicagoland Saluki Golf Scramble. Chevy Chase Country Club, Wheeling, Ill. Shotgun start 9 a.m. Dinner following event. For additional information, please contact George Robinson at (618) 453-5408 or [grob@siu.edu](mailto:grob@siu.edu).
- 29 7th Annual Detroit Area SIU Alumni Family Picnic– Kensington Park (Site H, N. Hickory Ridge) Brighton, Mich. Waterfront picnic site with pavilion. Details coming.

### AUGUST

- 11-20 Illinois State Fair, Springfield, Ill. Visit the SIU tent to see exhibits of the University.

- 13 SIU Day at Coors Field: Cubs vs Rockies–Pre-game picnic 11:30 a.m. at Coors Field Platte River Rendezvous Picnic Area. Game time 1:05 p.m. For more information, call (618) 453-2408.
- 26-9/4 Du Quoin State Fair, Du Quoin, Ill. Visit the SIU Dome to see exhibits of the University.
- 31 **Saluki Football vs Lock Haven**, home, 7 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER

- 9 SIU Day at Turner Field: Atlanta Braves vs Chicago Cubs. For more details, call SIU Alumni Association office, (618) 453-2408.
- 16 Saluki Football at Indiana, Bloomington, Ind., 4 p.m. Pre-game tailgate.
- 23 Saluki Football at Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Pine Bluff, Ark., 6:30 p.m.
- 30 **Saluki Football vs Indiana State**, home, 6 p.m.



Cheerleader Kristi Yamaoka made the rounds of nationally-syndicated talk shows after her frightening fall during the MVC Championship basketball game. The media, fascinated with her amazing school spirit, wooed her with coast to coast appearances from the *Ellen DeGeneres Show* in Los Angeles to the *Today Show* in New York City. She is shown here with DeGeneres, who presented her with a custom-made silk collar to wear over her neck brace.



# The Fall Heard 'Round The World

by Marianne Lawrence



**W**hen Kristi Yamaoka talks about her fall last spring from atop a 15-foot pyramid of Saluki cheerleaders, it's not hard to understand why she suddenly began to cheer as EMTs wheeled her out of the St. Louis Savvis Center strapped to a stretcher.

"There is nothing that makes me more proud than being out on the floor wearing the SIU uniform. I love SIU," says the sophomore from Springfield, Ill., whose show of amazing school spirit was captured on national television during Southern's dramatic Missouri Valley Conference tournament championship win over Bradley.

After minutes of hushed silence in the packed basketball facility, emergency personnel were ready to take Yamaoka to a waiting ambulance. As they prepared to take her off the floor, the Saluki Pep Band began playing, and the fallen cheerleader moved her arms in a familiar routine to the school's fight song. "It was just an automatic reaction when I heard the fight song and the people clapping. I just wanted to make sure everybody knew I was OK."

Yamaoka has little specific recollection of exactly what happened during the well-rehearsed stunt her squad was performing—something they had done at games throughout the season. "My first thought when I fell was, gosh, this is so embarrassing." But what seemed to bother her most was the silence that had enveloped the enormous arena. "It's the exact opposite of what we (cheerleaders) try to get," she says emphatically.

Her injuries from the fall included a fractured vertebra, a concussion, and bruised lung. Yamaoka recalls the waning moments of the championship game. "We were all doing so well. I felt like I had distracted the basketball team, my cheerleading squad, the audience, and fans."

Yamaoka is grateful for not having more serious injuries and for the special



attention she received from medical personnel, her fellow cheerleaders, her coach, and her family who were at her side in the St. Louis hospital. During those hours she was unaware that she had become an overnight celebrity and was about to get some *serious* attention.

### An Overnight Sensation

Her first clue came when hospital personnel asked if they could place her on their VIP list because there were about 30 camera crews waiting outside the hospital to get her story. Fudge and flowers arrived from network stars Katie Couric and Soledad O'Brien, a get well call came from the President George W. Bush (who told her he had also been a cheerleader), and cards, e-mail and Facebook messages are still arriving.

Yamaoka has stayed cool and collected under the media glare after her accident. Her mother, Candace Keller, admits to being a nervous wreck and was worried about the press conference scheduled the day they left the hospital. "I didn't think she should do it since she wasn't feeling real well, but she stood up there and talked to everyone and was relaxed."

Her daughter is now recognized everywhere she goes—even in the Los Angeles Airport, according to Keller. She says when Kristi went with family members to a sports bar in Springfield to watch the Salukis' round one game in the NCAA tournament, people began to crowd around to talk to her. "Pretty soon even the media showed up."

Keller wants to say a special "thank you" to SIU alumni in Springfield and nationwide who have given her daughter enormous support. Both mother and daughter are amazed at the far reaching notoriety she has received. "A former Japanese exchange student who stayed with my sister's family sent a newspaper clipping from his hometown newspaper with a story and Kristi's picture," relates Keller.

Following a press conference at the hospital, Yamaoka, her doctor, sister Erin, who recently graduated from the University of Illinois, and two friends boarded a plane for New York and her scheduled appearance on the *Today Show*.

She describes the attentive flight attendants, limo rides in New York, her doctor's interview with Couric and get-





Men's Basketball Head Coach Chris Lowery signs a t-shirt for Yamaoka.

ting to meet Al Roker, Matt Lauer, and fellow guest Matthew McConaughey ("He knew who I was!") as "just wow."

### A Special Trip To Los Angeles

Yamaoka got only about a week's rest after her trip to New York before her mother and father, Kelly Yamaoka, traveled to Los Angeles compliments of the *Ellen DeGeneres Show*. She describes why it was such a special trip. "My parents have been divorced since I was 2," she explains. "I'd never been on a trip with them, and we had such a good time! The only thing they fought over was who was going to buy me a pair of shoes."

The petite cheerleader found a bonanza of shoes to buy. "I guess there are lots of Asian people who live in Los Angeles, so their shoes run smaller. Yamaoka, who wears a size 3, made a haul. She admits to later breaking her doctor's rule. "I put on my full neck brace and wore my new designer heels for a just little while."

Yamaoka says that DeGeneres' show was a lot different from her *Today Show*

experience. "There was a live audience and they actually scripted some things for me." Maybe it was because she was beginning to accrue some media experience that the new media darling says she wasn't nervous.

"The only time I was nervous was the split second I knew Freddie Prinz Jr. was going to walk by me." Really wanting to meet Prinz, she was surprised when he stopped to ask if she was "that cheerleader" and said he hoped she was feeling better. "I *completely* forgot to ask for his autograph," she laughs.

When *Inside Edition* completed filming a human interest piece on her positive spirit by following her around campus and to a doctor's appointment, the 4.0 student knew she had to come back down to earth and return to her "real world" of classes, upcoming finals and University life, which now includes a daily rehabilitation schedule.

Yamaoka is excited about having just declared her major and talks about her options after graduation. "I love people and I'm really thinking about

occupational and rehabilitation therapy." But then with a major in physiology and minor in psychology, she also mentions pre-med, pre-physical therapy, or pre-pharmacy.


Always a tiny bundle of energy, Yamaoka was only 3 years old when she was enrolled in a gymnastics class to harness some of that boundless energy. She fell in love with the sport saying, "It was all I ever wanted to do." She was a competitive gymnast until an injury ended her career, which she calls a real blow.

When her coach and gymnastics teacher eventually opened her own gym in Springfield, she hired Yamaoka to help coach, which filled the hole she had felt in her life. Cheerleaders also competed from the gym and when one could not participate at the last minute, Yamaoka quickly learned the routine and filled in at the competition. The team won, and she was hooked.

Although Yamaoka was on her high school dance team, she didn't try out for cheerleading until arriving at SIU and she can't say enough about her cheerleading squad at Southern. "They are such a well-rounded group of students."

Unable to participate in the spring tryouts, she is grateful that her spot on the squad was held for her until fall. Her experience has made her more aware of safety concerns, and she hopes she can be an advocate of safer conditions not only for her Saluki squad, but for all cheerleaders. "We had one small accident, and I don't want it to ruin things for everyone. That's why I want to be an advocate for safer cheerleading so we can continue."

During the summer Yamaoka plans to lay low, take care of herself and spend time with her close-knit family, including her stepfather, Mike Howie, a huge Saluki sports fan who frequently attends SIU basketball games. But more than anything else, she is anxious to return to campus next fall.

"I'm doing great; I'll be back out there cheering for SIU." 



## Alumni Achievement,

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Art Chicago, and the Palazzo Falconieri in Rome, Italy.

He co-founded *WhiteWalls*, a magazine of writings by artists, in Chicago in 1978 and served as the publication's editor until 1987. He has since written extensively on topics in contemporary art and culture, contributing reviews and essays to a number of publications.

• College of Mass Communication and Media Arts – **William Livek '76**, co-CEO of Simmons Market Research.

Livek has more than 29 years of experience in the media and marketing information industries in the sales and marketing areas. In

1992, he co-founded Simmons' parent company with Bill Engel, his business partner of 27 years, Symmetrical Resources, which bought



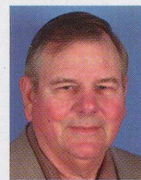
Simmons Market Research Bureau in 1998.

Previously, Livek served as president and CEO of ADcom Information Systems Inc., which electronically measured local cable television viewing for the purpose of allowing advertisers and agencies to use the power of "highly targeted television" more effectively. In the 1980s and early 90s, he was president and CEO of Birch Scarborough Research.

• College of Science – **Roy Heidinger '66, M.A., '67, Ph.D. '70**, professor emeritus

in the zoology department.

Heidinger's association with the University spans 45 years. He served 13 years as director of SIUC's Fisheries and Illinois Aquaculture Center and three years as chair of the zoology department. In 2005, the American Fisheries Society, the premiere national organization



in his field, honored his lifelong scientific achievements by his induction into the Fisheries Management Hall of Fame.

Heidinger is a national and international authority on largemouth bass. His work on the culture of hybrid sunfish in farm ponds helped create a new industry in the United States. ■

## Super Student, *continued from page 25*

to its members. The Society organizes seminars conducted by industry professionals, invites guest speakers to weekly meetings, and visits with aviation industry organizations.

He says his AMS membership is one of the most rewarding experiences of his life.

"AMS has aided in my leadership skills greatly. I've established valuable relationships in the field and it has provided me with insight on how to conduct myself in a professional manner," he says. "It helped me understand that being an executive is a tough task."

The organization coordinates a charity fly-in and pancake breakfast for students and community members to visit the airport and watch aircraft fly in during the day. Funds generated from the pancake breakfast are donated to a charitable cause. Last year the society donated to the hurricane relief funds and Habitat for Humanity.

"The reaction of young children makes this my favorite event. Their faces

always light up when they see airplanes and they can take a ride for the first time," Jaynes says. "It also gives me a sense of accomplishment and a good feeling knowing that I am helping contribute to a worthwhile cause."

David NewMyer, faculty advisor for the Aviation Management Society, nominated Jaynes for the Super Student Scholarship. NewMyer says Jaynes was more than qualified for the award because of his excellent work as an Aviation Management Society officer and member, his academic credentials, and his overall experience.

"Dr. NewMyer opened my eyes because he says learning about the field goes beyond reading a book," Jaynes says. "You have to research, memorize, and be adaptable. In other words, you have to be a college student. I really enjoy learning from him."

Jaynes' peers also highly recommended him for the award. Nate Brown, president of the Undergraduate Student Government, attested to Jaynes' commitment as a USG senator. Brown

says he placed his full faith and trust behind him.

Jaynes says his experience in USG is invaluable.

"Someone is always going to oppose you. It is your job to either bypass that person or get them to see your viewpoint," he says. "I have had my patience tested, my understanding pushed to its limits, but still I try to give back the best I can. I am dedicated to the cause, and I owe it to the people who elected me to do a good job and support them in any way I can."

After college Jaynes says he will embark on the long road to becoming a pilot. He plans to become a flight instructor for a short time while building his experience. He aspires to get a job flying chartered aircraft or perhaps a cargo route until he can earn enough hours to receive a position with an airline unit.

"My dream job is to be a pilot and administrator for a major airline," he says. "There aren't many jobs like this available so it will be difficult—but I've always had high hopes." ■



## Alumni Deaths

Summer 2006

McCREE, Alice (Wills), '28, '54  
03/22/06, Leesburg, Va.

JONES, Reathel (Forbes), '29, '49  
05/08/06, Johnston City, Ill.

WEINGARDT, Raymond A., '29, '31  
02/24/06, Sherman, Ill.

NORTON, Edna M., '30  
03/01/06, Alto Pass, Ill.

SMITH, Wilma M., ex '32  
04/02/06, Olney, Ill.

DAHNCHE, Margaret M., '33  
02/17/06, Oakdale, Ill.

POTTORFF, Harry W., '34  
02/15/06, Cisne, Ill.

VAN ECKHOUT, Helen L., '35, '37, M.S.Ed. '62,  
03/19/06, Herrin, Ill.

HAHN, Dorothy A., '36, '59  
04/10/06, Woodlawn, Ill.

BILLINGSLEY, Alice M., ex '37  
01/24/06, Gresham, Ore.

STECKENRIDER, Jewell M., '37  
03/16/06, Herrin, Ill.

ELDER, Geneva L., '38  
04/22/06, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

FIRKE, Freda (Carter), '39  
12/30/05, Oak Park, Ill.

BAIRD, Van T., ex '40  
02/05/06, Eldorado, Ill.

McDEVITT, Joseph Bryan, ex '40  
02/26/06, James Island, S.C.

REA, Dallas Palmer, '40, M.S.Ed. '58  
03/30/06, Valer, Ill.

RITCHEY-WILSON, Valeria M., ex '40  
02/03/06, Marion, Ill.

WILEY, Frances L., ex '40  
12/21/05, Springfield, Ill.

HILL, Eileen (Keiner), '41  
02/10/06, Westfield, N.J.

KRAGNESS, Marguerite N., '42  
04/04/06, Marion, Ill.

NORRIS, Dorothy F., ex '43, '72  
04/02/06, Waltonville, Ill.

SCHROEDER, Meryl T., '43  
02/08/06, Mascoutah, Ill.

SNYDER, Peggy F., '43  
03/06/06, Lawrenceville, Ill.

FORD, Wava V., '44  
04/23/06, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

GRIESELL, Mary E., '44, M.F.A. '63  
02/26/06, Godfrey, Ill.

HOUSEMAN, Dolores M., '44, M.A. '54  
04/24/06, Cahokia, Ill.

GRANTHAM, Russell A., ex '45  
02/24/06, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

FERGUSON, Anita M., ex '46  
09/09/05, Des Moines, Iowa

KELLER, Effie, '46  
05/07/06, Grand Tower, Ill.

LEATHERS, Robert L., '46, Ph.D. '64  
02/20/06, Pulaski, Va.

McDONALD, Frances L., ex '46  
04/15/06, Chester, Ill.

HUDGENS, Claude R., '47  
01/20/06, Miami Township, Ohio

WITTER, Beatrice B., ex '47  
03/09/06, O'Fallon, Ill.

BENEDICT, James R., ex '48  
04/04/06, Charleston, Ill.

JONES, Helen A., '48  
03/05/06, Herrin, Ill.

DICKMANN, Peggy J., '49, M.S.Ed. '53  
05/02/06, Woodland Hills, Calif.

HUGHES, John E., '49  
03/15/06, Carmi, Ill.

KERR, Thomas P., '49  
01/28/06, Muscatine, Iowa

MISKELL, Quentin D., '49  
02/24/06, Winter Haven, Fla.

NICHOLS, Andrew W., '49, M.S.Ed. '57  
12/07/05, Salem, Ill.

NORVILLE, Phyllis J., '49  
03/14/06, Carbondale, Ill.

ODUM, Donald G., ex '49  
03/01/06, Anna, Ill.

WARFIELD, Jean D., ex '49  
01/29/06, Salem, Ill.

DELANEY, Robert E., '50  
03/07/06, Casper, Wyo.

GINGER, Dolan W., '50  
02/18/06, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

MORRIS Sr., Charles H., ex '50  
03/27/06, Richmond, Va.

MOSHER, Norma E., '50  
04/05/06, Geneseo, Ill.

HOWEY, Robert E., '51  
02/12/06, Shelby, Mich.

CLARK, Grace C., '52, M.S.Ed. '57  
02/11/06, Gainesville, Fla.

McGILL, Mary A., '52  
05/09/06, Sherman, Ill.

McRILL, Billie Edward, '52  
02/19/06, Herrin, Ill.

PENMAM, Al Louis, '52, M.S.Ed. '53  
05/03/06, Sherman, Ill.

TOBIN, Robert L., ex '52  
04/07/06, Metropolis, Ill.

CRADER, Warren R., '53  
11/07/05, Fairview Heights, Ill.

FLAMM, Albert C., ex '53  
04/17/06, Cobden, Ill.

MOSS, Conrad O., ex '53  
02/24/06, Oakland, Tenn.

HOLHUBNER, Yvonne D., ex '54  
04/24/06, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

SWITLIK, Mike, '54  
02/08/06, West Frankfort, Ill.

COLEMAN, Charles D., '55  
04/09/06, Niceville, Fla.

GENTRY, David K., '55  
02/06/06, Jacksonville, Ill.

TRIPPEL, Arthur P., '56  
03/29/06, Highland, Ill.

CHOATE, Claude H., '57  
03/14/06, St. Louis, Mo.

SEYFERTH, Leon M., '57  
02/04/06, Murphysboro, Ill.

ZOELLER, William W., '57, M.S.Ed. '65,  
04/03/06, Marion, Ill.

BRUNHOFER, Gerald M., '58  
03/28/06, Chester, Ill.

MAUNTEL, Paul F., '58  
02/06/06, Albion, Mich.

SALERNO, Dorace (West), '58  
04/30/06, Florissant, Mo.

SPENCER, Norman F., '58, M.S. '60  
01/01/06, Mt. Olive, Ill.

OVERTURF, Clarence M., '59  
03/19/06, Cartersville, Ill.

SCHRAGE, Frances W., '59  
04/26/06, Breese, Ill.

WEBB, Bobby Dale, '59, M.S.Ed. '86  
04/23/06, Goreville, Ill.

DURBIN, Anna L., '61  
03/13/06, Anna, Ill.

HAMMONDS, Patricia (Brown), '61  
03/12/06, St. Peters, Mo.

LAMKIN, Blanche R., '62  
03/06/06, St. Louis, Mo.

VESSELL, Sherrill J., '62  
04/21/06, Leawood, Kan.

CRAWFORD, Kathryn (Pell), '63  
01/05/06, Evansville, Ind.

KURTZ, Kent W., '63  
02/18/06, Arcadia, Calif.

UNDERWOOD, Robert P., '63  
01/11/06, Steinhatchee, Fla.

WAIR, Freddie L., '63  
05/25/05, East St. Louis, Mo.

BORK, Marguerite N., M.A. '64  
03/28/06, Prescott, Ariz.

CANTRELL, Ronald L., '64  
01/30/06, Bowling Green, Ky.

DOTY, Mary K., '64  
03/27/06, Benton, Ill.

ENDEAN, Frederick T., '64, M.S.Ed. '73  
04/18/06, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

HARRIS, David L., '65  
03/09/06, Belleville, Ill.

MUNDY, Lora May, '65  
05/02/06, Evansville, Ind.

STURGEON, Joann L., '65, M.S. '68  
04/25/06, Tucson, Ariz.

HOFFMAN, Ronald E., '66, M.S. '68  
04/09/06, Chatham, Ill.

MAYO, James F., '66, '71  
03/25/06, Tavares, Fla.

McANERN, Elizabeth L., '66  
02/25/06, Las Vegas, Nev.

MYHRE, Paul R., M.S.Ed. '66  
04/28/06, Huntley, Ill.

WOODY, Jeanne (Baker), '66  
03/22/06, Orange, Calif.

DUNBAR, Dwight M., M.S. '67  
04/23/06, Spaulding, Ill.

HAWN II, Donald E., '67  
04/03/06, Marion, Ill.

KIOUTAS, James N., '67  
05/01/06, Chicago, Ill.

NETZNIK, Michael S., '67  
12/04/05, Springfield, Ill.

WINTERS, Carlann, '67, M.S. '69  
05/09/06, Ava, Ill.

BRITT, Rodney G., '69  
04/26/06, Grand Chain, Ill.

DREWES, David F., '69  
03/21/06, Springfield, Ill.

RUDERT, William J. M., '69, J.D. '84  
03/21/06, Vienna, Ill.

YOKLEY, Fred S., '69  
12/28/05, Sacramento, Calif.

JACKSON, Benjamin R., '70  
05/04/06, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

MIS, Ronald C., '70  
05/04/06, Toms River, N.J.

SAPETTI, Michael R., '70  
03/11/06, Pleasant Plains, Ill.

STRACKA, Barbara (North), M.S. '70  
02/11/06, Lake San Marcos, Calif.

BILYEU, Donald G., '71  
02/08/06, Tinley Park, Ill.

HERMANY, Anita L., '71  
12/28/05, Cedarbrook, Penn.

LAUCK, William J., '71  
05/03/06, Alton, Ill.

PETRUNCIO, David S., '71  
04/24/06, Western Springs, Ill.

TOBIN, Thomas M., '71  
03/12/06, Springfield, Ill.

WALKER, Thelma (Gibbs), ex '71  
04/18/06, Carbondale, Ill.

GRAVES, E. Louise, '72, M.S.Ed. '77,  
M.S.Ed. '85,  
02/26/06, Marion, Ill.

ASKEW, P. Kay, ex '73  
03/07/06, Plano, Texas

BECKER, Paul J., '73  
02/20/06, Venice, Calif.

MORGAN, Thomas R., '74  
01/11/06, Bradenton, Fla.

BYNUM, Michael T., '74  
03/20/06, Chicago, Ill.

COLLINS, Charles W., '74  
03/08/06, Eldorado, Ill.

CAVANAGH, Michael A., '75  
03/08/06, Glencoe, Ill.

HESSE, Jerrold L., '75  
04/23/06, Mattoon, Ill.

PRESA Jr., Bruno A., "Tony," ex '75  
04/19/05, Zeigler, Ill.

WALL, Golden B., Ph.D. '75  
02/05/06, Winston-Salem, N.C.

FOLTZ, David C., Ph.D. '76  
01/03/06, Narrows, Vir.

HERMES, Joseph M., '76  
02/11/06, Waterloo, Ill.

HILLMER, William A., '76  
05/03/06, San Diego, Calif.

WHITE, Scott E., '76  
04/29/06, Goreville, Ill.

WOLFF, John P., '76  
02/14/06, Herrin, Ill.

HARDY, Cynthia F., M.S.Ed. '77,  
Ph.D. '79,  
03/28/06, Jackson, Miss.

CULLEY, Jr., Levi C., '78  
02/18/06, Columbia, S.C.

PATTON, Charles D., '78  
12/22/05, Sullivan, Ill.

SKIDMORE, Francis G., '78  
05/16/05, Maryville, Ill.

HORTON, Jeffrey A., '79, M.S. '87  
02/18/06, Carbondale, Ill.

KINSALL, Michael L., '79, M.S. '82  
04/02/06, O'Fallon, Ill.

LOSHBAUGH, Marvin D., '79  
02/23/06, Hudson, N.H.

MITCHELL, Bruce W., '79  
03/24/06, Marion, Ill.

MOSES Jr., James B., '80  
01/15/06, Springfield, Ill.

RIVARD, Kenneth G., '80  
02/23/06, Sebring, Fla.

STEINMARCH, Frank J., '80  
03/24/06, Lisle, Ill.

WILEMON, Rickey W., '80  
01/20/06, Chesterton, Ind.

HAMMER, Randall L., '81  
01/30/06, Decatur, Ill.

HANSEN, Chanden T., ex '81  
01/25/06, Kenosha, Wis.

LEWIS, James G., '81  
02/28/06, St. Louis, Mo.

MILLER, Carolyn (Burns), '83  
04/10/06, Carbondale, Ill.

SCHMALING, Max L., '83  
03/03/06, Raleigh, N.C.

WIDEMAN, Kenneth L., '83  
03/06/06, Chicago, Ill.

CORE, Charles F., '84  
03/05/06, Erwin, N.C.

EUBANKS, Robert C., '84  
03/21/06, Belleville, Ill.

BOUDREAU, Patricia (Mologousis), '85, M.S.Ed. '93,  
01/26/06, Oswego, Ill.

PAYNE, Gerard T., '85  
04/11/06, Goose Creek, S.C.

RAKOTONIAINA, Claude A., M.S. '85  
02/19/06, Owensboro, Ky.

BARNES, Lisa (Thompson), '86  
01/03/06, Frenchtown, Mont.

OUSSHORN, Christine F., '86  
04/18/06, Parrish, Fla.

BREAUX, Donald R., '87  
02/20/06, Medford, N.J.

FAIRFIELD III, George W., '87  
03/24/06, Greenville, Maine

ALEXANDER, Kent A., '88, '90  
02/06/06, Cartersville, Ill.

OBERMEIER, Bryan D., '89  
03/26/06, Hoffman, Ill.

MYERS, Valeda S., M.S.Ed. '90  
04/02/06, Harrisburg, Ill.

DAVIS, Alfred W., '95  
01/31/06, Charleston, S.C.

FITZJERRELLS, Stephanie C., '97, M.S. '99,  
03/28/06, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

BLOCK, Douglas L., M.S.Ed. '99  
01/07/06, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

DAZACHACON, Edwin H., '99  
02/13/06, Shiloh, Ill.

HARLAN, Karen E., '02  
01/23/06, Toulon, Ill.

SPEEDIE, Catherine A., M.D. '02  
04/28/06, Springfield, Ill.

DIMMICK, John A., ex '04  
05/03/06, West Frankfort, Ill.

MACK, Brian R., '05  
04/08/06, Barrington, Ill.

WALROD, Matthew L., '05  
03/15/06, McCleary, Wash.

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02/20/06, Cartersville, Ill.

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03/30/06, Prescott, Ariz.

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Administrative Aide, Engineering and  
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02/09/06, Cartersville, Ill.

FOREST, George R.  
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IRVIN, Janice K.  
Emerita Civil Service, Payroll Dept.  
04/29/06, Cartersville, Ill.

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Emerita, Librarian, Morris Library  
04/24/06, Carbondale, Ill.

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Development Officer  
College of Science  
03/10/06, Carbondale, Ill.

MATTIS, Brian E.  
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01/31/06, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

McDANIEL, Mildred V.  
Emerita Civil Service, Custodian  
01/28/06, Carbondale, Ill.

MEADOR, Ivan G.  
Emeritus Civil Service, Physical Plant  
02/09/06, Cartersville, Ill.

MIFFLIN, Donald J.  
Emeritus SIU Police Department  
04/08/06, Murphysboro, Ill.

RAYMOND, Larry D.  
Former Membership Manager WSUI-TV-FM  
03/17/06, Carbondale, Ill.

SPEERS, Patricia A.  
Emerita Civil Service, University NewsService,  
03/30/06, Cartersville, Ill.

VAUGHN, Loren L.  
Emeritus Civil Service, Groundskeeper  
04/05/06, Creal Springs, Ill.

WALKER, Carolyn M.  
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Accounting Technician, School of Medicine,  
02/03/06, Riverton, Ill.

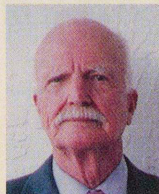
ZUNICH, Michael  
Emeritus Professor, College of Human Resources,  
03/07/06, Miramar Beach, Fla.



Alumni listed in **maroon**  
are SIU Alumni  
Association members.

## 1940s

**R. Dale Kittle '49** writes that he is still involved in theater in Key West, Fla., and that he would love to have attended the McLeod Theatre 40th Anniversary Celebration



last April. Kittle retired in 1984 from Chicago City Colleges. He was at Southern when Dr. McLeod came in 1948 and says he has "many, many fond memories of SIU."

## 1950s

**Michael Patrick '56, M.A.**  
**57** has written a book examin-

ing the contributions of African-Americans in exploring and settling the American West. *The Black West in Story and Song* was published in February. Patrick retired as professor emeritus of English and folklore at the University of Missouri-Rolla and taught Alabama folklore and Southern folklore at the University of South Alabama-Baldwin County for five years. He lives in Fairhope, Ala.

**Patricia Yates Russell '59** is co-author of a library reference book, *Islam: A Selective Annotated Bibliography*, published by Scarecrow Press. She is the senior English as a Second Language specialist at



the American Language Institute of the University of Toledo. The book will aid librarians, teachers, and students

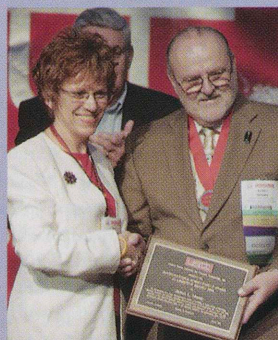
## 35th Reunion Brings Salukis Together Again

Several SIU alumni met for their 35th reunion during last year's football season. The group enjoyed seeing the Salukis defeat Youngstown State, and then followed that up with a social event. The group met and became friends during the late 1960's while attending Southern, and has been getting together every five years starting with the 25th anniversary. Everyone is looking forward to "SIU Reunion 2010."

Those attending were, front row from left: Andi Groff, James Groff, Bob England, Judy Fuehne, and Jim Fuehne. Second Row: Darlene Shannon, Chris Ramsey, Gayla Eberhart, and Brenda Dutcher. Third Row: Pat England, Dan Shannon, Chuck Ramsey, Loretta Astorino, Rob "Frog" Forsyth, Jr., Arnie Dutcher, and Ray Duke. Back Row: Maggie Gibb, David Gibb, James "Jump" Jenkins, Mike Eberhart, Mike Astorino, and Ron "Snake" Snoko.



## Moody Honored For Lighting Design Work



James Moody '67 was honored with the Distinguished Achievement Award in Lighting Design at the United States Institute for Technology conference in March, adding to the many awards he has received for his work in theater, television, film, and concerts.

He heads the technical theater program at The Theatre Academy, Los Angeles City College, where he teaches. Moody has also returned to Southern to work with McLeod Theater productions and share his professional expertise with students.

A pioneer in concert stage lighting, Moody has designed and toured with Rod Stewart, Linda Ronstadt, the Eagles, Dolly Parton, and the Beach Boys, to name a few. His television work included serving as original lighting director for television's "The Don Kirshner Rock Concert" and director of photography for "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy."

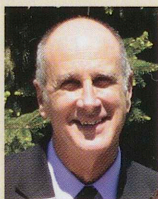
Moody earned a master's degree in technical theater/lighting from UCLA and later served as an assistant to Jules Fisher, an influential Broadway designer. He has published more than 50 articles, and his book, *Concert Lighting: Techniques, Art and Business*, is a guide for other lighting designers and students.

interested in identifying resources of the Islam and Muslim culture.

## 1960s

**John Gracen Brown '61, M.S. '62** has donated a copy of his most recent book of poetry titled *The Return to Southern's Morris Library*. Brown lives in Martinsburg, W.V.

**Frederick Golub M.S. '65** was recently honored for outstanding service to Bergen Community College in Paramus, N.J., where he has served on the faculty and as a counselor and advisor for 37



years. College President Dr. Judith Winn presented the plaque to Golub.

**Harold Lee Milner '68** is elected chair of the board of directors for the Network



Knowledge Public Television Stations WSEC in Springfield, WQEC in Quincy, and

WMEC in Macomb. Milner spent 25 years in communication leadership positions with the Illinois State Board of Education, retiring in 2003. He is now communications and public affairs consultant and lobbyist, as well as a communications associate with the Central Illinois Community Blood



Center. His daughter, **Leanne**, is a 2003 graduate of SIUC's radio-television program.

**Dennis Donham, M.S. '68, Ph.D. '77** has published a book of poetry, *A Fly in Time* that includes a poem about Carbondale. Other topics are related to his experiences in Nepal and India, his family, and encounters with Paul McCartney and George S. McGovern. Retired from academia, Donham writes that he enjoys reading, working out, walking, and writing.

## 1970s

**Suzanne Kias McCafferty '71** has retired after a 34-year career as a teacher. After teaching high school math the last 24 years in Glen Ellyn, Ill., she has moved to Clarksville, Tenn.

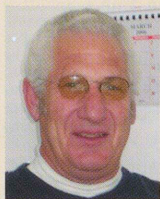
**S. Sharon Doyle-Norris '72** lives in Brownsville, Tenn., and is semi-retired. Through her business, Nutbush Heritage

Productions Inc., she helped initiate West Tennessee music tourism, sponsoring music festivals and area tours from 1991 to 2003. She is married to Lionel Norris. She wrote *Black America Series, Haywood County Tennessee*, and contributed to several Tennessee history books.

**Jock Olson '72** recently was inducted into the PGA of America's Golf Professional Hall of Fame in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Olson, who was named 2002 National Golf Professional of the Year, is head golf professional at Interlachen Country Club in Edina, Minn. He will celebrate his 30th year as a golf professional on July 1. In addition, he and his wife, **Cherie '73**, who met while SIU students, will note their 34th wedding anniversary this year. They are life members of the SIU Alumni Association.

**Don Wayne Davis '74, M.S. '87** has been named head golf professional at Kokopelli Golf

Club in Marion, Ill. Davis was formerly a high school and



community college teacher and consultant for the Illinois State Board of Education.

He lives in Benton, Ill., with his wife, Donna, a daughter, and two sons.

**Daniel Herzog M.A. '77** lives in Newark, N.J., where he was recently honored by Community Access Unlimited (CAU) with the Geller Award, given to volunteers who make a notable impact in their community. Herzog, a licensed social worker in the state of New Jersey, was a caseworker from 1982 to 1995 for the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities.

**Bill Striegel '78, M.S. '80** and his wife, **Claudia '78**, live in Normal, Ill. He is the regional seed treatment technical development representative for Bayer CropScience.

**Michael Fellner '79** is an Emmy Award-winning technical supervisor in the television industry. He has worked in the Los Angeles area for more than 20 years.

## 1980s

**Bob Beck '83** recently received the annual media award from the Wyoming Governors Council on Impaired Driving for his work as news director of Wyoming Public Radio, a position he has held for 18 years. He was recognized for investigating and reporting on the challenges associated with preventing impaired driving in Wyoming.

**Barbara Edwards '83** has been employed by Franklin/Williamson Human Services since 1983. She and her husband, Steven, live in Thompsonville, Ill. They have two children, and the youngest is enrolled at SIU.

## Joel Lovelace '86, MPA '88

and future Saluki Kenneth Lovelace of Arlington, Va.,



joined Baltimore-Washington, D.C., alums to watch the Salukis take on Northern Iowa Feb. 25. SIU prevailed 46-45 in a game watched by a dozen Salukis at Rock Run Tap & Grill in Columbia, Md.

**Mike Phillips '86, M.S. '90** is seeking a seat as Illinois State Representative from the 106th House District in the November



election. He and his wife, **Lisa '90**, live in Lostant with their two children,

Morgan, 6, and Ethan, 3. Phillips teaches geology at Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby and serves as president of Lostant School Board.

**Kathleen O'Sullivan Szabo '86** is director of planning and distribution for Nautica retail stores. She lives with her husband, Mark Szabo, in Hamilton, N.J., and has two children, Patrick Tello, 16, and Hana Tello, 14. She writes that Patrick is interested in enrolling at SIU and is planning a visit to campus.

**Jay Sala '87** has joined



Gershman Mortgage of St. Louis as a loan officer in their new Marion, Ill., office. Sala

makes his home in Marion.

**Toby Eckert '88** is news editor of the Copley News Service Washington, D.C., Bureau, which serves *The San*

## Special Ceremony At Supreme Court

**Chris Tirpak M.A. '71** was sworn in as vice president of Executive Women in Government at the Supreme Court in June of 2005 by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor a few weeks before she resigned. Tirpak is regional liaison for Pollution Prevention, Pesticides and Toxics for the U.S. Environmental Agency. Tirpak and her husband, **Steve Tirpak M.A. '72**, met while graduate students at Southern and live in Reston, Va., where Steve is in real estate. Chris is pictured third from right at the swearing-in ceremony.





*Diego Union-Tribune* and other Copley newspapers in Illinois, California, and Ohio. His bureau won a Pulitzer Prize this year for exposing congressional corruption. Eckert lives in Alexandria, Va., with his wife, Amy Kavelman, and their daughter, Lily Kavelman Eckert.

## 1990s

**Chen Jian Ph.D.'90**, Cornell University professor, shared honors for a 2005 Emmy Award for outstanding achievement in news and documentary research for the film *Declassified: Nixon in China*. Chen, the Michael J. Zak Chair of History at Cornell, joined the university last July and was formerly at the University of Virginia. He is a prolific writer, research scholar, and teacher.

**Jeffery Ball '91** and **David Horton '91** have been promoted to vice president positions at Hanson Professional Services Inc., Springfield, Ill., as



part of the firm's market-focused organizational structure. Ball, at left, who

joined the company in 1991, serves as principal of Hanson's local government market. Horton was named manager of the Peoria, Ill., office in 2002 and has served as project manager for interstate reconstruction in central Illinois.

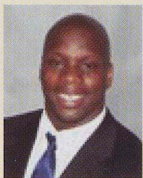
**Brian David '92** has joined



Concrete Strategies as a senior estimator and project manager with responsibilities for

handling projects nationwide for the St. Louis company. He lives in Pacific, Mo.

**Kaliym Islam '92** delivered a keynote address at the International Quality &



Productivity Centre's Curriculum Development and Design Conference in Sydney,

Australia, in May. His address covered concepts that are included in his book, *Developing and Measuring the Six Sigma Way*, due to be published by Wiley Press in September. Islam is director of Learning Product Development and Technology Services for the Depository Trust & Clearing Corp. He lives in Plainfield, N.J.

Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer **Gwendolyn Brown '93** recently retired from active duty after 24 years of service. She most recently served at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla. She lives in Eight Mile, Ala.

**Casey Hawkins '93, M.S. '99** and her husband, Wayne Hawkins, live in rural Pinckneyville, Ill., where Wayne is owner of the Family Dental Center and Casey is the school counselor at TRICO High School. The couple has two sets of twins, Zachary and Thaddeus, 16, and Alexandria and Maddelynn, 15.

**Jeffrey King '93** and



Sherry Ann Smith were married on Oct. 1, 2005. The couple lives in Charlotte, N.C., where

he is an associate attorney with Moore & Van Allen, PLLC, and she is an operations analyst for Bank of America.

**Troy Brant '94** is a funeral director/embalmer in St. Louis and author of a novel that was published in May. For information on the book, visit [www.pallbearerbooks.com](http://www.pallbearerbooks.com).

**Chris Gerrib '95** recently published his first novel, a sci-

ence fiction adventure titled *The Mars Run*. The novel is available from the author's Web site, [www.privatemarsrocket.net](http://www.privatemarsrocket.net), or via Amazon.com. Gerrib is senior vice president of technology for Republic Bank of Chicago and lives in Villa Park, Ill.

**Ann Jacobs '96** is currently working toward participating in the Global Challenge 2008 Race, which is a sailing race around the world against the prevailing winds. For more information on her adventure, visit her Web site, [www.annjacobs.com](http://www.annjacobs.com).

**Allan Peretz '96** was promoted recently by Procter and Gamble as the company's regional manager for fabric softeners in Central and Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa. He and his wife, **Lisa '96**, and their two children will relocate from Cincinnati to Brussels, Belgium.

**Malanda Perry '97** is employed by the SIUC Head Start program in Carbondale.

**Patrick Blunck '98** is an A320 pilot for JetBlue Airways. He lives in Romeoville, Ill.

**Jason Bourque '98** and his wife, **Jennifer '00, M.S. '03**, have opened Common Grounds, a coffeehouse campus. In addition to an espresso bar and wide selection of teas and made-to-order drinks, the coffeehouse offers a smoke-free environment and wireless Internet service to its customers. Jason runs day-to-day operations at the shop, and Jennifer teaches kindergarten in DuQuoin. The couple lives in Carbondale with their 18-month-old son, Jacob.

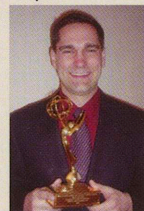
**Sokrates Frantzis '99** graduated with a degree in opera/musical theater and is looking for fellow Salukis who share his interest and live in the Pacific Northwest. An actor, writer, and editor in Portland, Ore., where he is trying to help arrange a reception for Portland-area alumni. His e-mail is [sfrantzis@comcast.net](mailto:sfrantzis@comcast.net).

**Michael Haithcoat '99**

writes that he is looking for old friends. He lives in Newtown, Ohio, and his e-mail is [burner7616@hotmail.com](mailto:burner7616@hotmail.com).

## 2000s

**Mark Carlson '00** and **Dan Harland '02** recently ran into each other while working at Super Bowl XL in Detroit. Mark is



a video journalist for Associated Press Television Network in Chicago, and Dan is a

sports anchor/reporter for WZZM in Grand Rapids, Mich. Both were active in radio-television programs while at Southern. Carlson, above, recently won an Emmy at the 20th MidSouth Regional Emmy Awards in Nashville for *Gameday: Sunup to Sundown*, a program he did while working in Knoxville, Tenn.

**Sarah Sontheimer-DeVaughan '01** has worked in the corporate offices of Harrah's Entertainment for the past four years in St. Louis and Bossier City, La. She has held positions in food and beverage, training and development and is currently a customer satisfaction manager. Last August she married Colin DeVaughan, a finance director with Harrah's.

Navy Chief Petty Officer **John Watkins '02**, assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Mobile Bay, has been deployed as part of the Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group 9 to conduct maritime security operations in the Western Pacific.

Navy Chief Petty Officer **Bobette Foote '03** is assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Decatur, which is part of the Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group 7 home ported in San Diego. Her unit made port visits to United Arab Emirates and Australia while conducting maritime security operations.



# A Step Back In Time



## 50 Years Ago ...

SIUC journalism graduate Jackie Spinner (on the cover of this issue) points to the training she received as a student at the University as being instrumental in her success as a reporter for the *Washington Post*. That type of training, however, is nothing new at Southern – it has a long and rich tradition. Above, the faculty of the Department of Journalism is shown in a 1956 photo. Front row, from left: Charles Clayton, George Brown, Rita Canning, and Chairman Howard Long. Back row: William Horrell, Donald Hileman, Carl England, Francis Modlin, Wayne Rowland, James Ford, and Donald Grubb.



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# SIU Professor Donates Journals To Russian Institute

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Frank Klingberg's contributions to the political science and international studies programs at Southern Illinois University have been well-documented since his arrival in 1946. A permanently endowed professorship was established in Klingberg's name in 2004. He started and sponsored an International Relations Club and a highly successful on-campus Model United Nations program with students from Southern and nearby schools participating.

In addition, Klingberg has established a legacy of accepted political theories and many of his students have held prominent teaching and political positions around the world.

The emeritus political science professor and his wife Leota, are Life Members of the SIU Alumni Association. Still active in their 90s, the Klingbergs share a passion for the University's political science and international studies programs and are strong supporters of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.



Frank and Leota Klingberg

"We have no more enthusiastic supporters than the Klingbergs," Mike Lawrence, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, says. "We treasure their friendship and always look forward to having them participate in our events."

Recently Klingberg contributed a personal collection of 1,700 of his political journals to the Institute of Philosophy and Law in Yekaterinburg, Russia, the largest city in eastern Russia.

Stephen Shulman, associate professor of political science and first recipient of the Frank L. Klingberg Endowed Professorship, says "Russian television and newspaper reporters covered the presentation, which was made by U.S. General Consul John Stepanchuk."

Shulman says the collection, which includes 15 political science journals, is outstanding. "Some of the top journals in political science/international relations are represented – including *American Political Science Review*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *World Politics*, *International Security*, and *Foreign Affairs*, with the oldest volumes going back to 1936."

Klingberg credits Shulman for finding a home for his collection and then finding a way to get the journal collection to Russia. "I was quite surprised that they wanted it, but there are lots of Russian students who read English and I'm sure the journals will be used for their research."

Anonymous donors, including some of Klingberg's former students, helped establish the \$250,000 professorship permanently. Shulman, who will hold the professorship for five years, plans to focus on the concept of nationalism in the Ukraine and plans to bring in outside speakers and create a cash prize for top students in the introduction to international relations course.

Klingberg is happy that Shulman was the first chosen, saying "he will continue and build on things that I used to do, especially the Model United Nations program." Students in the program become experts on a country, learning all they can about its history, culture, resources and politics. Then they participate in conferences where they advocate their country's positions.

*For their devotion to the students of Southern Illinois University and contributions to the political science field worldwide, the SIU Alumni Association proudly salutes Frank and Leota Klingberg.*





## Graduation – Southern Style

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's spring commencement exercises were held May 12-13, as 3,015 candidates for undergraduate degrees, 350 candidates for master's degrees, 117 candidates for law degrees, and 41 candidates for doctoral degrees enjoyed a time to reflect and celebrate. Here are just a few of those scenes, captured by SIUC Media & Communication Resources photographers Steve Buhman and Russell Bailey.